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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 ON PAGE 150.]

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING. I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE
RISE. THIS MORNING WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY PASTOR
GREG HUGHES, MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY A PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY MR. ROLAND BROWN, CHAPLAIN,
POST NO. 11087, V.F.W. OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR
HUGHES.

PASTOR GREG HUGHES: THANK YOU. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. LET
US PRAY. ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY
THE PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT, FOR ALL THE POTENTIAL THAT
IT HOLDS FOR US. LORD, WE ASK YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MEETING.
WE THANK YOU FOR THESE CIVIL SERVANTS AS THEY SEEK TO DO GOOD
IN THIS COUNTY. WE THANK YOU ALSO FOR THOSE THAT SEEK TO
PROTECT US THROUGHOUT THE WEEKS AND THE MONTHS AND THE YEARS.
WE THANK YOU FOR THE SHERIFF AND THE POLICE AND THE
FIREFIGHTERS AND ALL THAT WORK FOR US IN THIS COUNTY. IN THE
SHADOW OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, WE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST
LOVED ONES IN THAT HORRIFIC TRAGEDY. WE PRAY YOUR PEACE AND
COMFORT TO BE UPON THEM, AS WELL. LORD, IN THIS DAY AND AGE
WHEN GOLD SEEMS TO RULE, WE ALSO PRAY THAT YOUR GOLDEN RULE



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1 MAY PREVAIL, AS WELL, THAT WE MIGHT DO UNTO OTHERS AS WE'D
2 HAVE THEM DO UNTO US. LORD, BLESS THIS TIME AND THIS DAY. WE
3 PRAY THIS IN GOD'S NAME, AMEN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN.

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7 **ROLAND BROWN:** WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND
8 PUT YOUR RIGHT HANDS OVER YOUR HEART. REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE
9 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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11 **ROLAND BROWN:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE DOWN IN A SECOND.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
17 COLLEAGUES. WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR LEADER IN
18 TERMS OF THE FLAG SALUTE THIS MORNING. HE IS NONE OTHER THAN
19 ROLAND BROWN, CHAPLAIN AND YOU WOULD WISH TO KNOW HE'S FROM
20 THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST NO. 11087 IN INGLEWOOD. HE
21 SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY FROM 1950 TO 1955. HE HAS RECEIVED
22 QUITE A NUMBER OF DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE A GOOD CONDUCT
23 MEDAL AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS A GRADUATE
24 OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA,
25 AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS. MR. BROWN'S



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1 GRANDDAUGHTER IS HERE WITH US TODAY, AND WE WANT TO MAKE NOTE
2 OF THE FACT, WHERE IS SHE, I WANT HER TO STAND? OH, THERE SHE
3 IS. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. HER GRANDDAD WANTED TO
4 KNOW THAT HIS GRANDDAUGHTER WAS HERE. SO TODAY ON BEHALF OF
5 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE TAKE PRIDE IN
6 YOUR BEING HERE AND WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE, AND WE
7 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
8 CONTRIBUTION TODAY AT TODAY'S MEETING. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR.
9 BROWN. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE WILL, LIKE I SAID, ZEV
12 SHOULD BE DOWN SHORTLY. I THINK HE WANTS TO DO THAT ONE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS MENTIONED WE WERE LED IN THE
15 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR GREG HUGHES WHO WAS ORDAINED
16 IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1990. HE SERVED GOOD SHEPHERD
17 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LOS ALAMITOS FROM 1990 TO 2000. HE HAS
18 BEEN IN MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN SINCE 2000. HE'S A SECOND
19 GENERATION NATIVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN. HE'S A GRADUATE OF
20 WESTMONT COLLEGE IN SANTA BARBARA, THE PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL
21 SEMINARY IN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. HE'S CURRENTLY WORKING ON
22 HIS DOCTORATE AT SANFORD UNIVERSITY PEACE AND DIVINITY SCHOOL
23 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN
24 AND WE WANT TO GIVE HIM THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND
25 THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US



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1 HERE TODAY AND LEAD US IN A WONDERFUL INVOCATION. PASTOR.
2 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
6 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND
7 2-D. ON ITEM NO. 2-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
15 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON
18 ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
19 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
24 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 2 WILL BE CONTINUED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST ASK FOR A POINT OF PERSONAL
5 PRIVILEGE? I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE A
6 COMMENT ABOUT PASTOR HUGHES FROM THE MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN
7 CHURCH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS SAID EARLIER, BUT THIS IS THE
8 CHURCH THAT WAS BURNED IN THE MALIBU FIRE LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR
9 OR-- TWO YEARS AGO. SO MANY FIRES WE CAN'T KEEP TRACK. AND IT
10 WAS A TRAGIC SITUATION, BUT ONE OF THE SILVER LININGS TO THAT
11 CLOUD WAS HOW THE COMMUNITY OF MALIBU, ALL THE RELIGIOUS
12 GROUPS, THE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS CAME TOGETHER AND
13 THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO HELP. AND PASTOR HUGHES HAS
14 BEEN THE LINCHPIN OF THIS REBUILD EFFORT. AND I TRUST THAT
15 THINGS ARE GOING WELL. AND WE WISH YOU WELL AND THANK YOU FOR
16 COMING DOWN HERE THIS MORNING.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ITEM 2 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE
19 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 9, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING
23 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR,
6 ITEMS 11 THROUGH 47. ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 19, AS INDICATED ON THE
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
13 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 25, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25. ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
23 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30,
24 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
25 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 42, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM.



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1 ON ITEM NO. 43, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009. THE REMAINING
3 ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
6 CHAIR WILL SECOND. NOTING THE NO VOTE BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA ON
7 ITEM NO. 42.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 22, ORDINANCES FOR
10 INTRODUCTION. ITEM NO. 48 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR
11 THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, PARKS,
12 BEACHES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN PARKS,
13 AND THERE A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
14 ITEM. SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 49 AND 50, AND I'LL READ THE
15 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON ITEM NO. 49. THIS IS A
16 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS
18 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
19 ELECTION 2002 MEASURE K ELECTION 2004, MEASURE R AND ELECTION
20 2005 MEASURE Y, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
21 EXCEED \$1.9 BILLION, AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST
22 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 50,
23 THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO
24 ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
25 PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION



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1 BONDS ELECTION 2002, 2009 SERIES D AND 2009 SERIES E IN
2 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52 MILLION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
6 ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 51 AND 52. ON ITEM
9 51, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 52, WE WILL
10 ALSO HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS
12 THAT PORTION OF THE REPORT IN CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
13 RELATING TO CHANGES TO PROPOSITION 36, ALCOHOL AND DRUG
14 PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENTS, BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER
15 22ND, 2009.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
20 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
21 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 53-A.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
24 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 53-B, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER
3 29TH, 2009.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 53-C?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 53-D.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT AND SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 26, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
18 ITEM NO. C.S.-4, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
24 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
25 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION. DID ITEM 12 GET
3 ACTED ON OR IS THAT HELD?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 12 WAS APPROVED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MOVE RECONSIDERATION FOR DISCUSSION?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE HOLDING THAT ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, HOLD IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. OKAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE
17 OUR SEPTEMBER 2009 L.A. COUNTY STARS. IN THE CATEGORY OF
18 SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. WE WANT
19 TO WELCOME THE JOINT CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT
20 TEAM, FROM OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ALSO THE
21 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SO JOINING US IS OUR DISTRICT
22 ATTORNEY, STEVE COOLEY-- IS STEVE HERE? AS WELL AS OUR
23 C.S.S.D. DIRECTOR, STEVE GOLIGHTLY. SO THE CHILD SUPPORT
24 SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING
25 AND ENFORCING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS IN MORE THAN 400,000



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1 CASES. TOO OFTEN THESE NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS WHO CLEARLY HAVE
2 THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN FAIL TO DO
3 SO, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO PLACE OTHER PRIORITIES ABOVE THEIR
4 MOST BASIC OBLIGATIONS AS PARENTS AND IN MANY CASES BECOME A
5 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. SOMETIMES THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE
6 ATTENTION OF SUCH PARENTS IS BY PROSECUTING THEM CRIMINALLY.
7 THAT OPTION ONLY WORKS, HOWEVER, IF CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE
8 BACKED UP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES FOCUSED ON ENSURING
9 THAT PARENTS WHO NEGLECT THEIR CHILDREN FACE ARREST AND EVEN
10 JAIL TIME IF THEY CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS
11 OBLIGATIONS. IN 2007 WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF BOTH
12 STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, AND
13 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 ALLOCATED OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE STARTUP OF THE
15 CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT. THE COUNTY'S DOLLARS ARE
16 MATCHED TWO FOR ONE WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS TO FUND THE PROJECT.
17 THE CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROJECT IS A TRUE JOINT
18 EFFORT BETWEEN THESE DEPARTMENTS. AND A TEAM OF DISTRICT
19 ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS IS ASSIGNED TO WORK FULL-TIME SIDE BY
20 SIDE WITH BOTH STAFF ATTORNEYS AND CHILD SUPPORT OFFICERS AND
21 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF
22 FAMILIES WHEN ALL OTHER EFFORTS FAIL TO GET THESE PARENTS TO
23 LIVE UP TO THEIR PRIMARY OBLIGATIONS. THROUGH THE TEAMS'S
24 EFFORTS, 1,472 PARENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, CITED OR
25 SURRENDERED IN COURT. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT NUMBER,



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1 HOWEVER, IS THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT THAT HAS BEEN
2 COLLECTED FOR THOSE FAMILIES THAT NEED IT MOST. IN THE FIRST
3 YEAR, THE ARREST WARRANT PROJECT'S OPERATION, CHILD SUPPORT
4 COLLECTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES INCREASED BY ALMOST 50 PERCENT,
5 FROM 2.8 MILLION TO 4.2 MILLION. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE
6 PROJECT THROUGH JULY OF THIS YEAR, COLLECTIONS IN CRIMINAL
7 CASES EXCEED \$7 MILLION. [APPLAUSE.] YEAH, LET'S GIVE THEM A
8 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE TEAM MEMBERS WHO YOU SEE BEHIND ME
9 RECEIVED THEIR SCROLLS BEFORE THE MEETING, BUT WE JUST WANT TO
10 THANK THEM AND GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB
11 WELL DONE. I'M GOING TO ASK STEVEN TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.
12 AND THEN I'LL PRESENT THE SCROLL.

13

14 **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR FOR YOUR RECOGNITION,
15 YOUR SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE C.E.O. IS REALLY CRITICAL TO THIS
16 UNDERTAKING. THIS CLEARLY AS YOU LOOK BEHIND ME, SUPERVISOR,
17 IS A VERY VISIBLE COLLABORATION WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY. I
18 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, THOUGH, TO SHARE WITH THE
19 LISTENING AUDIENCE THAT IF YOU HAVE FALLEN ON TOUGH TIMES,
20 PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CALL US OR COME IN TO ONE OF OUR
21 OFFICES. IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, WE CAN HELP YOU
22 MODIFY YOUR CHILD SUPPORT ORDER TO A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL. WE
23 CAN ONLY HELP YOU, HOWEVER, IF YOU TALK TO US. DON'T LET YOUR
24 BALANCE GET OUT OF HAND. EVEN THOUGH THIS PROJECT TODAY HAS
25 GENERATED A SIGNIFICANT AND SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS, IT



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1 IS A VERY SMALL PART OF OUR ENTIRE OPERATION. AND, AGAIN, WE
2 ALL ARE VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS PROJECT, SUPERVISOR,
3 AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR RECOGNITION THIS MORNING.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, IN PARTICULAR, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
7 FOR YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
8 THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
9 SUPERVISOR-- OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR STEVEN GOLIGHTLY AND OUR
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. IT HAS BEEN
11 SUBSTANTIAL. IT'S BEEN ONGOING AND IT'S BEEN EVERYTHING THAT
12 WE NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. BUT MORE THAN THAT, I WANT TO
13 THANK EVERY MEMBER OF THIS TEAM. WE'VE DONE A FABULOUS JOB
14 BECAUSE WE HAVE FABULOUS PEOPLE WORKING WITH US AND FOR US AND
15 OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS NEVER
16 WAVERED IN ALL THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. JUST LIKE THE
19 POST OFFICE, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ONE OF THE 10 MOST WANTED IN
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE FOLKS WILL FIND YOU. SOME GREAT
21 STORIES. MOTHER-IN-LAW TURNING PEOPLE IN, FIANCES. IT'S BEEN
22 PRETTY AMAZING. NEXT, WE HAVE, EVERY MEMBER'S GOING TO BE ABLE
23 TO PRESENT A SCROLL HERE. BILL TANTER WAS A LONG TIME
24 ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. HE WAS A NATIONALLY
25 RECOGNIZED LEADER AND A ROLE MODEL FOR THE DISABILITY



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1 COMMUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
2 ESTABLISHED A BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO OFFER HIGH
3 SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO
4 BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH HIGHER
5 EDUCATION. EVERY YEAR THE COMMISSION SELECTS AN OUTSTANDING
6 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM EACH DISTRICT TO RECEIVE THEIR
7 SCHOLARSHIP. I'M GOING TO START BY INTRODUCING THE FOURTH
8 DISTRICT AWARDEE, AND THEN MY COLLEAGUES WILL FOLLOW. I'M
9 GOING TO ASK JOSEPH HONEYU, JOSEPH, COME ON UP TO JOIN ME.
10 JOSEPH GRADUATED FROM NORTH HIGH SCHOOL IN TORRENS AND WILL BE
11 ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA IN THE
12 FALL. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAS CHALLENGED JOSEPH WITH AUTISM AND
13 DYSLEXIA, IT HAS NEVER BEEN AN OBSTACLE FOR HIM. HE HAS
14 DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOTH IN
15 ACADEMICS AND IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE IS THE
16 PRESIDENT OF THE CHESS CLUB, A TEACHER'S AIDE AT CONGREGATION
17 URTAMID. HE IS THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLASTIC FEDERATION AND WORKS
18 DILIGENTLY AS AN EMPLOYEE AT PETCO. HE'S A YOUNG MAN WITH A
19 BRIGHT FUTURE WHO PLANS TO SHAPE HIS FUTURE BY ATTAINING A
20 HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. SO PLEASE JOIN ME AS
21 WE CONGRATULATE AND THANK JOSEPH HONEYU AND WISH HIM THE VERY,
22 VERY BEST IN HIS FUTURE ACTIVITIES. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **JOSEPH HONEYU:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR EVERYTHING
25 THEY'VE DONE FOR ME. YOU MAY NOT KNOW, BUT MY PARENTS HELPED



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1 ME A LOT IN MY DAILY STRUGGLE WITH MY LIFE. AND THEY ARE ONE
2 OF THE BEST PARENTS IN THE WORLD TO ME. AND THEY'RE VERY
3 SPECIAL TO ME. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ABOUT MY
4 PARENTS. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS? THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SORRY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING. I'M VERY HONORED THIS
14 MORNING TO PRESENT THE BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO A
15 RECIPIENT DAVID RITTER. HE WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN US THIS MORNING
16 BECAUSE HE'S IN SCHOOL, RIGHT? SO HIS MOM IS HERE, LINDA
17 RITTER AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HAVING AN
18 OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR. DAVID IS A GRADUATE OF DIAMOND RANCH HIGH
19 SCHOOL AND IS NOW BEGINNING HIS SCHOOLS AT UNIVERSITY OF
20 LAVERNE. WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY, AND
21 THRIVED IN THE PERFORMING ARTS. DAVID PARTICIPATED IN MANY
22 PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING "THE SHADOW BOX," "THE SCARLET
23 PIMPERNEL," "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW" AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS.
24 WE WANT TO THANK HIM AND WE WANT TO WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK



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1 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR SON FOR THE OUTSTANDING
2 WORK. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS AWARD.

3

4 **LINDA RITTER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
7 COLLEAGUES. MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO ZYLENE
8 GRACE BALUCEN. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT SHE IS THE RECIPIENT
9 FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND WE WILL WISH FOR YOU TO KNOW
10 DESPITE HER BILATERAL HEARING IMPAIRMENT, SHE MAINTAINS A
11 STRONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND NOT ONLY ACADEMIC
12 EXCELLENCE BUT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AS WELL. SHE IS
13 INVOLVED IN HER SCHOOL'S BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB, THE I.C.C.
14 CLUB, AND WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE V.C.Y.C. CLUB. SHE IS WELL-
15 ROUNDED AS A YOUNG PERSON WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE WHO PLANS TO
16 PURSUE HER HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE AREA OF MEDICINE. I WANT TO
17 SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO HER ON RECEIVING THE BILL TAINTER
18 SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
19 DISABILITIES. AND WE KNOW THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO REACH HER
20 GOALS AND PURSUE THE EXCELLENCE THAT IS BEFORE US. SO ZYLENE,
21 THANK YOU. AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO PRESENT THIS PRESENTATION TO
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS KELLY SHERMAN HERE? KELLY SHERMAN? WE
25 HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR HIM AND WE'LL MAKE SURE-- KELSEY



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1 SHERMAN, I'M SORRY. WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS IT. HE'S A STUDENT
2 AT CANOGA PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AT SENIOR
3 VALLEY ADULT SCHOOL THIS FALL. AND WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS
4 THIS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, STEVEN NEGO FROM THE SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY IS NOT WITH US TODAY BUT LET ME READ WHAT HE
10 HAS ACCOMPLISHED AS A GRADUATE OF SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL,
11 HE'S BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
12 NORTHRIDGE. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAS CHALLENGED STEVEN WITH A HEARING
13 IMPAIRMENT, IT'S NEVER BEEN AN OBSTACLE FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS.
14 HE DEMONSTRATED A STRONG COMMITMENT IN EDUCATION BOTH IN THE
15 ACADEMIC AND IN HIS SCHOOL'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE'S
16 TAKEN A LEADERSHIP POSITION AS COMMUNICATION OFFICER OF THE
17 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM AND HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE TENNIS AND
18 ALSO WITH THE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAMS. HE HAS RECEIVED MANY
19 AWARDS WITH HIS CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL
20 RECOGNITION AT THE CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION, THIRD PLACE
21 WINNER OF NATIONAL ART COMPETITION. A CERTIFICATE OF HONOR AND
22 COMPLETION OF PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE LOS ANGELES CHINESE AMERICAN
23 MUSEUM. SO HE'S A VERY WELL-ROUNDED YOUNG MAN WITH A BRIGHT
24 FUTURE WHO PLANS TO SHAPE HIS FUTURE BY ATTENDING AND



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1 ACHIEVING HIS ACADEMIC DEGREE AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE
2 UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE. STEVEN NEGO.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
5 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSION ON
6 DISABILITIES WITH US OUT HERE TODAY. AND I'M GOING TO ASK MY
7 COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME QUICKLY. WE'LL DO A PHOTO OUT THERE WITH
8 EVERYONE. HOW ABOUT THAT? OKAY? SO WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT HERE
9 AND WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND WE'LL BE RIGHT OUT THERE. ZEV,
10 MIKE AND GLORIA AND MARK?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS WE ALL KNOW, THIS GREAT COUNTY MADE
13 UP OF A LOT OF GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO CALL
14 UP A ZAC SUNDERLAND AND HIS DAD LAWRENCE. TODAY WE ARE
15 HONORING ZAC. LISTEN TO THIS NOW. HE DEPARTED OUR OWN MARINA
16 DEL REY AT THE AGE OF 16 ON JUNE 14TH, 2008 AND RETURNED THERE
17 AT THE AGE OF 17 ON JULY 16TH, 2009, TO BECOME THE YOUNGEST
18 PERSON AT THE TIME TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD ALONE. [APPLAUSE.]
19 NOW, THERE WAS A YOUNGER GENTLEMAN AFTER ZAC FROM BRITAIN THAT
20 SAILED AROUND LAST MONTH, BUT HE WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON
21 FOREVER, FOREVER UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD BY
22 HIMSELF. THE OBSTACLES AND DANGERS OF CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE
23 GLOBE SOLO CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. AS ZAC'S WEBSITE STATES, MORE
24 PEOPLE HAVE GONE INTO SPACE THAN HAVE SAILED AROUND THE WORLD
25 AND LESS THAN A HANDFUL HAVE DONE IT UNDER THE AGE OF 20. OVER



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1 13 MONTHS, ZAC CROSSED THREE OCEANS, FIVE SEAS, CROSSING THE
2 EQUATOR TWICE, COVERED MORE THAN 25,000 MILES. HE ENDURED
3 HUNGER, LONELINESS, A PIRATE SCARE, BOAT BREAKDOWNS AND WAS
4 ALMOST WASHED OVERBOARD SEVERAL TIMES IN THE MOST HOSTILE
5 ENVIRONMENT ON EARTH. AND HE DID THIS ALL IN A 1970S AERO 36-
6 FOOT USED SAILBOAT NAMED "INTREPID" THAT HE BOUGHT WITH HIS
7 OWN MONEY HE SAVED WORKING SUMMER JOBS. THOUGH HE WAS ALONE AT
8 SEA, HE WAS NOT ALONE IN SPIRIT. ZAC'S PARENTS, LAWRENCE AND
9 MARIANNE AND ZAC'S SIX BROTHERS AND SISTERS PROVIDED THE
10 FAMILY SUPPORT NEEDED TO HELP MAKE ZAC'S DREAM REALITY. AND HE
11 WAS HELPED ALONG THE WAY THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS, EMAILS AND JUST
12 FOLLOWING ALONG ON ZAC'S WEBSITE. HE HAS EARNED A WELL
13 DESERVED REST UNTIL HIS NEXT ADVENTURE, WHICH WE ALL LOOK
14 FORWARD TO. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
15 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL WHICH SEEMS LIKE A
16 PITTANCE IN RECOGNITION OF WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED. TO ZAC, IN
17 RECOGNITION OF THIS INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT, AS THE YOUNGEST
18 AMERICAN TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD AND THE FIRST PERSON
19 ANYWHERE TO DO SO UNDER THE AGE OF 18. [APPLAUSE.] ZAC, DO YOU
20 WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

21

22 **ZAC SUNDERLAND:** YEAH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S QUITE AN
23 HONOR. I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE HERE FOR ALL YOUR
24 SUPPORT AND FOLLOWING ME AROUND. IT WAS A CRAZY 13 MONTHS.
25 I'VE BEEN BACK FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS NOW AND IT'S KIND OF CRAZY



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1 BEING BACK ON DRY LAND. BUT THROUGH MY TRIP, I JUST HOPE I CAN
2 INSPIRE PEOPLE TO GET OUT THERE AND SAIL AND MORE SO TO GET
3 YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS AND NOT BE
4 WEIGHED DOWN BY THE EXPECTATIONS THAT EVERYONE HAS FOR YOUNG
5 PEOPLE THESE DAYS. IT'S AMAZING HOW FAR YOU CAN PUSH YOURSELF
6 IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVATION DRIVING YOU AND THE RIGHT
7 GOALS. MY KIND OF MISSION STATEMENT TO MY LIFE, TO EVERYONE
8 THROUGH THIS TRIP, IS TO GET OUT THERE AND FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS
9 NO MATTER WHAT AGE YOU ARE AND NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION YOU
10 ARE IN, JUST TO GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE
11 GOT. YOU'LL BE AMAZED HOW FAR IT CAN TAKE YOU. BUT THANKS ONCE
12 AGAIN. THIS IS AN AMAZING HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, I'M NOT SAYING HAVING SIX BROTHERS
15 AND SISTERS, IT'S A LITTLE COMPETITIVE FAMILY, BUT HE TOLD ME
16 UPSTAIRS THAT HIS SISTER, ABIGAIL, WHO IS AGE 16, RIGHT? IS
17 GOING TO ATTEMPT THE SAME SITUATION AND WHEN?

18

19 **ZAC SUNDERLAND:** YES, SHE IS. SHE SHOULD BE LEAVING IN ABOUT
20 TWO MONTHS, ACTUALLY. A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT TO ME. SHE'S
21 ACTUALLY GOING ROUND NONSTOP. IT'S PRETTY CRAZY TRIP. I WISH
22 HER ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD. YEAH, CRAZY ADVENTURES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHRISTMAS MUST BE UNIQUE AT YOUR
2 HOUSEHOLD, I TELL YOU. [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS.
3 THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL
6 PRESENTATION. I THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE ZAC ANOTHER BIG ROUND
7 OF APPLAUSE, DON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN AND
8 COLLEAGUES, I THINK YOU'LL JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING AND
9 APPRECIATING THE FACT THAT WE HAVE YET ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED
10 GUEST WITH US. AND NOT ONLY IS HE A STAR IN HIS OWN RIGHT, HE
11 IS NONE OTHER THAN DR. KEVIN STARR. I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE HIM
12 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] PROFESSOR STARR
13 DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF AS A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR THAT IS ONE OF
14 A VERY SELECT GROUP OF ACADEMICS WHO HAVE THE HONOR AT THE
15 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BE NAMED DISTINGUISHED
16 UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR. AND WE ALSO KNOW HIM IN THE CONTEXT OF
17 BEING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARIAN EMERITUS. KEVIN STARR HAS
18 BEEN A PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. SINCE 1989 AND BECAME THE
19 UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR IN 1998. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE HAS
20 SERVED IN ACADEMIC POSTS AT A RANGE OF SCHOOLS, INCLUDING
21 HARVARD UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM
22 ITSELF, SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE
23 UNIVERSITY, CLAIREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, THE HOOVER INSTITUTION
24 AND INDEED THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. HE IS A CALIFORNIA
25 NATIVE WHO IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS MULTI-VOLUME WORK ON



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1 CALIFORNIA KNOWN AS "AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA DREAM" WHICH
2 HE RECENTLY COMPLETED WITH THE FINAL VOLUME, "CALIFORNIA
3 DREAMS, CALIFORNIA IN AN AGE OF ABUNDANCE." HE COVERED THE
4 PERIOD OF 1950 THROUGH 1963. AND SO MAY I JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT
5 WHEN WE SEE KEVIN STARR, WE SEE SOMEONE WHO "GETS IT". NOT
6 ONLY DO WE SEE SOMEONE WHO "GETS IT" WE SEE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS
7 IT. AND BEYOND THAT, WE SEE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO TELL IT.
8 BETTER STATED, HE KNOWS HOW TO WRITE IT. HE IS AN
9 EXTRAORDINARILY GIFTED WRITER. MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM HIS WORKS. HE HAS BEEN MADE
11 ESSENTIALLY A NATIONAL TREASURER AS IT RELATES TO PRESIDENTIAL
12 HONORS. THE NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL FOR HIS WORK AS BOTH A
13 SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN. HE WAS A VOCAL SUPPORTER OF THOSE
14 THINGS THAT ADVANCED LITERACY, THAT ADVANCE A HIGHER LEVEL OF
15 EDUCATION. AND SO WE JUST SIMPLY WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE KEVIN STARR FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE TO
17 HELP US UNDERSTAND CALIFORNIA MUCH BETTER. AND NOT ONLY THAT,
18 BUT THAT WHICH HE INTENDS TO DO TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE, NOT
19 SIMPLY THE HISTORY BUT THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT STATE. AND SO
20 ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE YOU AND TO
22 CELEBRATE YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DR. KEVIN STARR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND THIS IS
2 A GREAT HONOR. AND BEING HERE REMINDS ME OF MY TEN YEARS AS
3 STATE LIBRARIAN AND THE REMARKABLE COMMITMENT THAT THE BOARD
4 OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.
5 I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ACCIDENT THAT THIS GREAT COUNTY SUPPORTS
6 THE LARGEST, MOST EFFICIENT, MOST SERVICE-ORIENTED LIBRARY
7 SYSTEM IN THE NATION AND THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY MUCH AND
8 THANK YOU FOR THIS AWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER
11 PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR TO
14 HAVE INVITED THIS MORNING LEON COOPER, WHO IS ENGAGED IN A
15 SACRED MISSION AFTER MANY MISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HIS SACRED
16 DUTY OVER HIS LIFETIME. AND I'LL JUST READ THE RESOLUTION TO
17 EXPLAIN WHAT LEON IS DOING. LEON COOPER SERVED WITH
18 DISTINCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE
19 SECOND WORLD WAR AND SAW ACTION IN NOVEMBER 1943 IN ONE OF ITS
20 BLOODIEST BATTLES ON THE PACIFIC ATOLL TARAWA. HE WAS PART OF
21 AN AMERICAN INVASION FORCE COMPRISING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS,
22 BATTLESHIPS, HEAVY AND LIGHT CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND
23 TRANSPORTS, THE LARGEST CONTINGENT EVER ASSEMBLED UP TO THAT
24 TIME FOR A SINGLE OPERATION IN THE WAR, WHICH STORMED THE
25 JAPANESE-HELD ITEM FORTRESS BATTIYO ON THE ATOLL AND INITIATED



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1 THREE DAYS OF SUCH FEROCIOUS SUCH COMBAT THAT 1,106 UNITED
2 STATES MARINES WERE KILLED IN ACTION AND MORE THAN 2,200 WERE
3 WOUNDED IN AN OPERATION THAT DECIMATED OVER 4,500 JAPANESE
4 SOLDIERS AND DEFENDERS OF THE ISLAND. HE BORE PERSONAL WITNESS
5 TO THE CARNAGE. HIS AMERICAN MARINE CASUALTIES WERE INITIALLY
6 BURIED IN 43 TEMPORARY GRAVEYARDS BUT OWING TO THE PASSAGE OF
7 TIME AND THE CONFUSION OF THE REMAINS, AFTER THE WAR, UNITED
8 STATES GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY ABLE TO RECOVER 402 BODIES, LEAVING
9 THE BODIES OF NEARLY 500 MARINES KILLED IN GROUND FIGHTING
10 UNACCOUNTED FOR. LEON HAS MADE IT HIS LIFE'S WORK NOW TO URGE
11 AND ASSIST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO LOCATE AND
12 REPATRIATE THE REMAINS OF THESE BRAVE AMERICANS WHO GAVE THEIR
13 LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND
14 TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE THE LANDS AND BEACHES OF TARAWA WHERE
15 THEY FELL AS AN ENDURING MONUMENT TO THEIR PERSONAL SACRIFICE.
16 SO TODAY, LEON, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS
17 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU AND HIGHLY COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR
18 INCREDIBLY HEROIC NAVAL MILITARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF OUR
19 NATION IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY FOR
20 YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR BROTHERS
21 IN ARMS IN TARAWA WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO COME BACK. AND WE
22 EXTEND TO YOU OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED
23 SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT OF YOUR GOALS TO BRING THE REMAINING
24 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO ARE ON THE ISLAND BACK HOME TO THEIR
25 FINAL RESTING PLACE. AND SO WITH THAT, LET ME PRESENT YOU WITH



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1 THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION FROM US. AND
2 WE HOPE THIS WILL GIVE YOU ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP ON GOING. YOU
3 DON'T LOOK OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, LEON.
4 BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR
5 GOALS. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **LEON COOPER:** YES, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF NOT
8 ME, OBVIOUSLY, BUT THE GUYS WHOSE LIVES WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM
9 THEM DURING THE BATTLE OF WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS BLOODY TARAWA.
10 A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, WILLIAM GLADSTONE SAID, 19TH
11 GLADSTONE SAID "ONE MEASURES THE CONSCIENCE OF A NATION BY THE
12 RECOGNITION IT GIVES TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES." SO YOUR
13 RESOLUTION, BOARD MEMBERS, WILL, I HOPE, AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE
14 OF AMERICA. MY JOB WAS THE LANDING CRAFT OFFICER BRINGING THE
15 SECOND DIVISION MARINES ONTO WHAT WAS THEN APPROPRIATELY
16 CALLED RED BEACH, BECAUSE DURING THE THREE DAYS OF SAVAGERY,
17 BLOOD WAS EVERYWHERE ON THAT ISLAND, ON THAT BEACH. I MADE A
18 NUMBER OF TRIPS INTO THE BEACH, EACH TIME SAW MORE SLAUGHTER
19 THAN I'D EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I WAS IN FIVE MORE BATTLES
20 AFTER TARAWA, BUT I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT THOSE DAYS.
21 NOW, THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION HERE IS NOT TO HONOR ME,
22 ALTHOUGH I ACCEPT GRATEFULLY THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD, BUT
23 MORE IMPORTANT WHAT YOUR RESOLUTION MAY, I HOPE, DO TO NOT
24 ONLY AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA BUT TO URGE OUR
25 GOVERNMENT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. BY WAY OF INTRODUCING



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1 THIS MATTER, WHILE DOING RESEARCH FOR ONE OF MY BOOKS, I CAME
2 ACROSS AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH THAT READ IN PART WHERE
3 HUNDREDS OF MARINES DIED, THERE ARE NOW MILLIONS OF PLASTIC
4 BAGS, CRUMBLERD PAPER BOXES AND CANS. I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE
5 PHOTOGRAPH THAT ACCOMPANIED THE DISPATCH AND THERE WAS A KID
6 ON TOP OF THE HUGE GARBAGE PILE SCAVENGING IT. I LOOKED
7 CLOSELY AND I RECOGNIZED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. IT WAS RED
8 BEACH, WHERE I HAD BEEN MANY YEARS BEFORE, WHEREUPON MORE
9 OUTRAGED THAN SAD, I WROTE TO THE USUAL SUSPECTS IN
10 WASHINGTON, AT LEAST 100 EMAILS, LETTERS, FAXES, AND GOT
11 ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE, NO MATTER WHO I CONTACTED, FROM THE
12 PRESIDENT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
13 FINALLY I RESOLVED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE
14 ABOUT THIS OUTRAGE WAS TO TAKE A CAMERA CREW WITH ME AND FILM
15 WHAT BECAME A DOCUMENTARY NARRATED BY MY FRIEND ED HARRIS,
16 CALLED "RETURN TO TARAWA." THE DOCUMENTARY HAS SERVED, I HOPE,
17 TO DO SOMETHING IN ADDITION TO JUST SIMPLY GLORIFYING WHAT IN
18 MY OPINION WAS A NEEDLESS BATTLE. BUT TO DO SOMETHING FAR
19 MORE, THAT IS TO AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND
20 TO DO MORE THAN JUST SIMPLY GIVE LIP SERVICE TO OUR SO-CALLED
21 BOYS WHO GO OFF TO FIGHT WARS AND THEN ARE FORGOTTEN PROMPTLY
22 AFTERWARDS. I NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE HERE THE VIETNAM FLAG AND
23 SLOGAN "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN." WELL, OUR NATION DID A GREAT
24 DEAL TO-- HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH RECOVERING THOSE WHO
25 DIED DURING THE BATTLE OF VIETNAM. BUT OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR



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1 NATION HAS DONE VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO DO WITH HONORING THE
2 MEMORY OF THE GUYS WHO DIED DURING WORLD WAR II. THERE ARE
3 OVER 80,000 M.I.A.S, I USE THAT TERRIBLE STUPID WORD,
4 IDENTIFYING THOSE WHO DIED IN BATTLES IN EUROPE AS WELL AS IN
5 THE PACIFIC. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS ARE IN THE PACIFIC THEATER.
6 THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF GUYS WHO LIE WHERE THEY FELL IN PLACES
7 THAT I HAVE BEEN AFTER TARAWA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, IN THE
8 PHILIPPINES. THE MARIANAS, THE MARSHALLS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER
9 PLACES. SO I REMIND OUR COUNTRY THAT THE 80,000 WHO FELL,
10 STILL LIE WHERE THEY FELL, HAVE INDEED BEEN FORGOTTEN. I WANT
11 TO TELL YOU A PERSONAL STORY, IF I MAY. DURING MY VISIT WITH
12 THE CAMERA CREW A YEAR AGO THIS PAST FEBRUARY, I BECAME AWARE,
13 ALTHOUGH I WAS THERE SEARCHING FOR GARBAGE TO REMOVE FROM RED
14 BEACH, I BECAME AWARE ALMOST ACCIDENTALLY THAT THERE WERE
15 THINGS FAR MORE OUTRAGEOUS AND DISTURBING TO ME THAN THE
16 GARBAGE ON RED BEACH, AND THAT THERE WAS A NUMBER OF GUYS WHO
17 WERE STILL THERE, INCLUDING A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
18 WINNER, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT, BUT IT'S TRUE. ONE OF THE
19 OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRY, KIRIBATI AS IT'S NOW CALLED, LEARNED
20 THAT MY INTEREST WAS MORE THAN GARBAGE, SO HE INTRODUCED ME TO
21 AN AUSTRALIAN TRANSPLANT BY THE NAME OF BIG LOUIE. HE WAS THE
22 BIGGEST MAN IN TARAWA, 7 FEET 6 INCHES TALL. AND LOUIE AND I
23 HAD LUNCH ONE DAY. AND HE BROUGHT OUT A PICTURE THAT ONE OF
24 HIS EMPLOYEES HAD TAKEN OF IT WAS A FIBERGLASS LINER DURING
25 WORLD WAR II. WE DIDN'T HAVE PLASTIC. WE HAD FIBERGLASS. AND



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1 IMPRINTED CLEARLY ON THE LINER WAS THE NAME SOLMS PVT. SOLMS
2 PVT. U.S.M.C., PRIVATE SOLMS. I SAID TO LOUIE, "WHAT DID YOU
3 DO?" HE SAID, "WELL, ONE OF MY GUYS HAD UNEARTHED THE REMAINS
4 OF THIS MARINE. HE WAS DIGGING A SEPTIC TANK." THAT'S VERY
5 SIGNIFICANT TO ME. AND HE UNCOVERED THE REMAINS OF SOLMS,
6 ALONG WITH A WRIST WATCH, A G.I. WRIST WATCH, THE FIBERGLASS
7 LINER AND REMNANTS OF HIS UNIFORM. I SAID, "WHAT DID YOU
8 FINALLY DO WITH SOLMS? I ASKED LOUIE. HE SAID, "I WROTE LOTS
9 OF LETTERS TO WASHINGTON." HE SAID, "DO YOU KNOW, LEON, I
10 THINK YOUR COUNTRY IS A DAMN LIAR." I SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU
11 TALKING ABOUT?" HE SAID, "BECAUSE I KEPT WRITING LETTERS AND
12 FINALLY I GOT A LETTER SAYING THERE'S NO WAY THAT SOLMS COULD
13 HAVE BEEN STILL IN BASHIO. HIS REMAINS AS WELL AS ALL OF THE
14 OTHERS HAVE BEEN LONG SINCE RECOVERED." THAT'S WHY LOUIE
15 THOUGHT THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS COVERING UP. FINALLY, LOUIE
16 DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO BURY SOLMS'S REMAINS, AND HE DID. AND
17 THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL RIGHT OFF RED BEACH TO THE COAST
18 WATCHERS MEMORIAL. I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS OF WHO
19 THE COAST WATCHERS WERE. AT LEAST THAT'S WHERE SOLMS'S REMAINS
20 WERE BURIED. SO I SAID TO LOUIE, "SHOW ME ON THE PAPER NAPKIN
21 WHERE SOLMS WAS LYING." SO EITHER THAT DAY OR THE FOLLOWING
22 DAY, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH, I WENT OUT AND I STOOD NEAR WHERE
23 I THINK SOLMS'S REMAINS WERE AND I SAID A SILENT PRAYER FOR
24 HIM. I COULD FEEL MY THROAT TIGHTENING UP AS I SAID IT,
25 THINKING OF SOLMS AND HIS RELATIVES. SO HERE IS SOLMS LYING IN



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1 AN UNMARKED GRAVE, FORGOTTEN AND OF NO VALUE BY OUR COUNTRY.
2 SO THAT ONE EPISODE, TO ME, AMONG MANY OTHERS, WILL STICK IN
3 MY MIND AS A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH WHAT I'M
4 ATTEMPTING TO DO, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS SAID. SO I
5 HOPE THAT-- I'M CONFIDENT, I SHOULD SAY, THAT THE RESOLUTION
6 THAT THE BOARD WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF
7 INDEED FURTHERING WHAT I AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE AFTER. AGAIN,
8 MANY THANKS TO THE BOARD AND I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS AND
9 YOUR INTEREST AND YOUR HELP TO ME. MANY THANKS AGAIN.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, DO YOU HAVE ANYMORE? SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH?

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ONE
16 OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S UNSUNG HEROES WHO DID SOME HEROIC
17 SAVINGS OF A YOUNG GIRL'S LIFE. AND WITH ME IS THE CAPTAIN, I
18 SHOULD SAY THE CHIEF WARREN STANLEY, THE CHIEF OF THE HIGHWAY
19 PATROL, WARREN STANLEY, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF, CALVIN AUBREY,
20 CAPTAIN GREGORY PECK AND DORIS PINICI, AND AS WE RECOGNIZE
21 JOHN LYNN MCDONALD. BACK ON JULY 23RD, JOHN HAD BEEN DRIVING
22 ALONG THE 10 FREEWAY WHEN HE NOTICED THERE WAS AN OVERTURNED
23 S.U.V. THAT WAS ON FIRE. AND WITHOUT HESITATION, HE STOPPED,
24 APPROACHED THE VEHICLE WHO HEARD A PERSON SCREAMING THAT THEIR
25 GRANDDAUGHTER WAS STILL INSIDE. SO JOHN SPRUNG INTO ACTION AND



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1 RESCUED THE THREE YEAR OLD GIRL WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE
2 THE VEHICLE. SO THIS HEROIC, SELFLESS ACTION PREVENTED A
3 TRAGEDY. AND AS WE AS A COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE JOHN
4 FOR THESE ACTIONS BECAUSE HE WAS TRULY, TRULY A GUARDIAN
5 ANGEL. SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA WANTS TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS AND
6 THEN WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND ALSO HAVE A FEW
7 WORDS FROM OUR HIGHWAY PATROL. SO GLORIA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO
10 JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN PRESENTING THIS SCROLL TO
11 OUR LOCAL HERO, MR. JOHN LYNN MCDONALD OF DUARTE. YOU KNOW IN
12 THIS TRAGIC AND HORRIFIC CAR ACCIDENT, AS WAS DESCRIBED BY
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MR. MCDONALD COULD HAVE JUST GONE BY.
14 HE COULD HAVE, LIKE MOST PEOPLE, MAYBE MADE A 411 CALL OR
15 SOMETHING. BUT INSTEAD HE STOPPED AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY
16 NEEDED ANY HELP. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE MINUTE THAT HE SAW
17 WHAT WAS GOING ON, HE HEROICALLY STEPPED FORWARD. HE WAS ABLE
18 TO SAVE A THREE YEAR OLD FROM A BURNING S.U.V. IT WAS A VERY
19 COURAGEOUS ACTION. AND WE APPLAUD HIM FOR IT. BUT MORE
20 IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIM. I THINK THAT EVERY
21 SINGLE DAY WE HEAR ALL KINDS OF NEWS STORIES EVERY SINGLE DAY
22 ABOUT DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. AND IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO HEAR OF
23 SOMEONE WHO HAS POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE PUT HIS OWN LIFE IN
24 DANGER BUT INSTEAD STEPPED FORWARD. SO I'M VERY HONORED TO
25 JOIN IN APPLAUDING YOU TODAY. AND IT'S SO NICE TO SEE WE HAVE



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1 GOOD SAMARITANS THAT ARE AROUND EVERY SINGLE DAY.

2 CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN. VERY DESERVING. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **CHIEF WARREN STANLEY:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME
6 HERE AND PRESENT A PLAQUE TO JOHN, ALONG WITH THE PROCLAMATION
7 THEY HAVE. I WON'T GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS BECAUSE THE
8 SUPERVISOR ALREADY EXPLAINED THEM. I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO
9 JOHN IN THE HALLWAY BEFORE THE CEREMONY TODAY, AND AS YOU'RE
10 GOING TO FIND OUT IN A MINUTE, HE'S A VERY HUMBLE MAN, BUT
11 WHAT HE DID WAS VERY EXTRAORDINARY. HE DESCRIBED IT SIMPLY AS
12 WHEN HE PULLED THE LITTLE GIRL OUT OF THE CAR, IT BURST INTO
13 FLAMES. HE GOT HER TO SAFETY, PUT HER IN HIS CAR. AND SHE
14 SAID, "THAT WAS REALLY SCARY." NO DOUBT IT WAS. BUT IT JUST
15 GOES TO SHOW YOU, YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
16 COME BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, SOME OF THE GREAT PEOPLE WE HAVE
17 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO FROM EVERYONE, THE COMMISSIONER
18 OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
19 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, I'D JUST LIKE TO PRESENT THIS
20 PLAQUE TO JOHN IN HONOR OF HIS GREAT SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
21 L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **JOHN LYNN MCDONALD:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE L.A.
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE
25 C.H.P. FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ME TODAY. AS I'VE RECOUNTED MANY



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1 TIMES, I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT
2 TIME. AND LUCKILY IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR EVERYONE. IF
3 ANYTHING, I HOPE MY ACTIONS CAN INSPIRE PEOPLE TO NOT BE
4 AFRAID TO SORT OF JUMP INTO THINGS WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE
5 NEED HELP. MAYBE NOT SOMETHING AS RECKLESS AS WHAT I DID, BUT
6 WE CAN HELP PEOPLE. LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
7 THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM THAT SERVE ALL OF
8 CALIFORNIA CITY MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, EVERYTHING. BECAUSE
9 WHAT I DID, THESE MEN AND WOMEN FACE EVERY DAY. SO THANK YOU
10 AGAIN FOR HAVING ME. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP SHARON
13 RAGHAVACHARY AND SATY RAGHAVACHARY TO HELP DECLARE THE MONTH
14 OF SEPTEMBER AS HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHARON'S FIVE-YEAR OLD SON JOSH WAS
16 DIAGNOSED WITH THIS AT SEVEN MONTHS OF AGE. AND SHE AND HER
17 FAMILY HAVE SHOWN GREAT COURAGE TO NOW MAKE THIS A CRUSADE, AN
18 AWARENESS ABOUT THIS CONDITION. AND THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP, WE
19 HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FINDING
20 RESEARCH AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH. HYDROCEPHALUS IS A SERIOUS
21 NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION. THERE'S NO KNOWN CURE FOR THIS, WHICH
22 AFFECTS ABOUT 1 MILLION AMERICANS. 1 OR 2 IN EVERY 1,000
23 BABIES ARE BORN WITH THIS. AND OVER 375,000 OLDER AMERICANS
24 HAVE IT, WHICH OFTEN GOES UNDETECTED OR IS DIAGNOSED AS
25 ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA OR PARKINSON'S DISEASE. THE STANDARD



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1 TREATMENT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BACK IN 1952 AND CARRIES MULTIPLE
2 RISKS, INCLUDING SHUNT FAILURE, INFECTION AND OVERDRAINAGE.
3 THERE ARE FEWER THAN 10 CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES
4 SPECIALIZING IN THE TREATMENT FOR ADULTS, AND EACH YEAR THE
5 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES SPEND IN EXCESS OF \$1 BILLION TO
6 TREAT HYDROCEPHALUS. WITH APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT,
7 PEOPLE WITH THIS ARE ABLE TO LIVE FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES.
8 SO OUR BOARD IS TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS
9 HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH. AND, SHARON, THANK YOU AGAIN
10 FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR BRINGING ATTENTION TO THIS AND
11 HELPING TO GET ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND RESOURCES FOR A CURE
12 ONE DAY. LET ME GIVE YOU THIS AND THEN WE'LL--

13

14 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** HI, MY NAME IS JOSH. I HAVE HYDROCEPHALUS.

15

16 **BECKY RAGHAVACHARY:** HI, MY NAME IS BECKY. I AM JOSH'S SISTER.
17 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR GIVING JOSH
20 THIS PROCLAMATION YET AGAIN. WE TRY TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR
21 THIS DISEASE. UNFORTUNATELY MOST PEOPLE SAY "HYDRO WHAT?" WHEN
22 YOU SAY HYDROCEPHALUS. THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IT'S
23 A LIFELONG, LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE.

24

25 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** ME, ME.



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2 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** ANYWAY, THESE KIDS HAVE TO GO THROUGH
3 MULTIPLE SURGERIES. THEY OFTENTIMES HAVE ANNUAL M.R.I.S. THEY
4 HAVE MULTIPLE OTHER ISSUES, NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES. LEARNING
5 DISABILITIES OFTENTIMES. AND SOMETIMES THEY HAVE BEHAVIOR
6 ISSUES. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING AWARENESS.

7

8 **JOSH RAGHAVACHARY:** ME, ME. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 13 YEARS AGO I INITIATED A PROGRAM TO
11 RECOGNIZE THE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
12 THAT ARE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
13 SERVICES. AND TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUALS
14 WHO ARE WITH US TODAY FOR SOME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. WITH
15 ME ALONG WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS
16 MERIT HARTMAN, WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER OF YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
17 UNITED, WHO IS ALSO GOING TO BE PRESENTING EACH OF THESE YOUNG
18 STUDENTS A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BARNES & NOBLE FOR THEIR
19 SCHOOL SUPPLIES. AND SO AT THIS TIME, FOR BEST ACADEMIC
20 ACHIEVEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE IRENE RODRIGUEZ. IRENE?
21 IRENE IS NOT HERE AT THIS TIME? OKAY. LET ME HOLD THAT. NEXT
22 IS LAURA LAMELI? MANUELA BONUELES. MARLENE LUHAN? SEPHORA
23 ABUEY. PATRICK PERKINS. FRANCISCO ADAN. MCKEISHA WILLIAMS. AND
24 IRENE RODRIGUEZ? DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** I'M A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED WHICH
2 WAS FORMED IN 1988 TO SUPPORT THE FOSTER CHILDREN OF L.A.
3 COUNTY. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THESE GIFT
4 CERTIFICATES TO THESE KIDS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TRISH? [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR HONORING THESE YOUNG
10 PEOPLE TODAY. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE
11 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT THE ONES THAT ARE STANDING BEHIND
12 ME HERE ARE TRULY THE BEST OF THE BEST. THEY ARE SMART. THEY
13 ARE GOAL-ORIENTED. AND THEY ARE HARD WORKING. AND THAT IS A
14 RECIPE FOR SUCCESS. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE
15 OUR LEADERS OF THE FUTURE. AND I WISH THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
16 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU TO
17 YOU, BOARD, FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE BOY, HE'S EIGHT WEEKS
21 OLD. HIS NAME IS RALPH. IT'S A LITTLE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIRE
22 LITTLE KITTY CAT. THIS IS LITTLE RALPH LOOKING FOR A HOME.
23 ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RALPH? CALL 562-728-4644, OR
24 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE LITTLE RALPH?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GO BACK TO THE AGENDA. SACHI HAS
2 SOMETHING TO CLARIFY.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 53-B, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CONTINUED TWO
5 WEEKS, THE C.E.O. JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE PORTION THAT
6 RELATES TO THE SUNSET OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD, THE
7 SUNSET DATE ON THAT IS SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2009. AND THAT SHOULD
8 BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE
15 FIRST UP.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD AN ITEM HE WANTED TO
18 CALL UP.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 30.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 30.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD, THE ITEM THAT I JUST READ INTO THE RECORD WAS NOT CHILD



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1 SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD. IT WAS THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL TO
2 SEPTEMBER 30TH. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS IN REGARDS
5 TO ITEM 30. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR TESTIMONY TO
6 ONE MINUTE. JANICE CHOW. JENNIFER PAUL. STEVEN GALLEGOS. ALTON
7 DUHAN, ARE THE FIRST FOUR. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED, IF YOU WILL
8 RETURN TO YOUR SEATS AND I WILL KEEP CALLING PEOPLE UP. OKAY.
9 THOSE ARE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS.

10

11 **JANICE CHOW:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JANICE CHOW WITH THE
12 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MANY
13 SMOKE FREE PARKS POLICY FOR A CURB TO CURB BAN TO FURTHER
14 PROTECT PARK PATRONS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE. AS WE
15 WILL ALL KNOW, THERE'S COMPELLING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT
16 SUPPORTS THE SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. IN
17 2006, THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THERE
18 IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF SECONDHAND SMOKE. THE CALIFORNIA AIR
19 RESOURCES BOARD IDENTIFIED SECONDHAND SMOKE AS A TOXIC AIR
20 CONTAMINANT. AND THE U.S. E.P.A. CLASSIFIED SECOND HAND SMOKE
21 AS A GROUP A CARCINOGEN, A CATEGORY THAT INCLUDES OTHER
22 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS SUCH AS ARSENIC AND FORMALDEHYDE. 85
23 PERCENT OF LUNG CANCER CASES IS CAUSED BY SMOKING. AND LUNG
24 CANCER ALONE WILL CAUSE OVER 14,000 DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA THIS
25 YEAR. THAT'S MORE THAN BREAST, PROSTATE AND COLON CANCERS



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1 COMBINED. THANKS TO CALIFORNIA TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES LIKE
2 THIS CURB TO CURB SMOKING BAN, SMOKING RATES HAVE BEEN ON THE
3 DECLINE. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS PUBLIC HEALTH
4 ISSUE THAT HAS THE POWER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
5 MANY AND TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JENNIFER PAUL AND THEN I'M GOING
8 TO ASK GLORIA DAVIS TO JOIN US, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **JENNIFER PAUL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JENNIFER PAUL WITH THE
11 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION. WITH A MISSION OF SAVING LIVES BY
12 PREVENTING LUNG DISEASE AND PROMOTING LUNG HEALTH, THE
13 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION IS A LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH
14 ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO CLEAN, HEALTHY
15 AIR. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON THE HEALTH-DAMAGING IMPACT OF
16 SMOKING IN PARKS. SMOKING IN PARKS PROMOTES HARMFUL HABITS.
17 EVERY DAY, OVER 4,000 CHILDREN IN THE U.S. SMOKE THEIR FIRST
18 CIGARETTE AND 2,000 TEENAGERS BECOME DAILY SMOKERS. IN FACT, 3
19 OUT OF 4 SMOKERS START BEFORE THE AGE OF 18. AS WE ALL KNOW,
20 CHILDREN NEED POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN THE COMMUNITY. SMOKING
21 IN FAMILY-FRIENDLY PLACES LIKE A PARK SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE
22 TO OUR KIDS. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION ASKS THAT YOU PASS
23 THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL IMPACT SENIORS AND YOUNG CHILDREN
24 WHO HAVE LUNG AILMENTS AND CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE. THANK YOU FOR
25 TAKING THIS STEP AS WE WORK TO FIND A CURE FOR LUNG DISEASE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WILL ASK DENISE LAMB TO JOIN US,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S STEVEN GALLEGOS, I'M
6 THE CHAIR OF THE COALITION FOR A TOBACCO FREE LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO ASK TODAY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF
8 THE SMOKE-FREE COUNTY PARKS POLICY. AS YOU KNOW, THE TERRIBLE
9 FIRES THAT WE HAD IN ANGELOS NATIONAL FOREST WERE STARTED
10 BECAUSE OF THE DRY CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR FOREST.
11 WELL, WE'VE GOT MANY PARK AREAS, TOO, THAT HAVE VERY DRY
12 AREAS. AND THE POLICY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE AND BAN SMOKING
13 IN THESE PARKS WILL STOP THE PREVALENCE OR CHANCE THAT ANOTHER
14 FIRE AS DEVASTATING AS THE ONE WE HAD IN ANGELOS NATIONAL
15 FOREST WOULD EVER OCCUR. SO WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. JANET ROBERTS JOIN US, PLEASE.
19 ALTON? ALTON?

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21 **ALTON DUHAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALTON DUHAN. I'M A
22 P.G.A. PROFESSIONAL AND TEACH GOLF AT MARTY TRAEGBMAN GOLF
23 ACADEMY IN GRIFFITH PARK. AS A PROFESSIONAL, I AM ON THE
24 COURSE SIX TO SEVEN TIMES A DAY AND SPEND A LOT OF MY TIME ON
25 THE DRIVING RANGE WORKING WITH KIDS. I WANT TO THANK THE L.A.



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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND THANK THE
2 SMOKE FREE PARK PLAN, A GREAT IDEA TO GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING
3 KIDS, HELPING OUR KIDS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE AT PARKS AND ON
4 THE GOLF COURSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DEMTRI MCKAY. OKAY, GLORIA?

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8 **GLORIA DAVIS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GLORIA DAVIS, EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE GIRLS CLUB OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CHAIR OF THE
10 COALITION FOR SMOKE-FREE LOS ANGELES PARKS. FOR THE PAST TWO
11 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, AND I'M HERE
12 TODAY FOR ONE POINT: SMOKE-FREE POLICIES DO NOT HURT BUSINESS.
13 CONCESSIONARIES HAVE EXPRESSED THAT THIS ORDINANCE HAVE
14 EXPRESSED THAT THIS WILL HURT BUSINESS. HOWEVER YOUR OWN
15 FEASIBILITY REPORT SHOWS THE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT ON BOTH
16 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SMOKING BANS WILL HAVE NO NEGATIVE EFFECT.
17 THE LOS ANGELES CITY REPORT SINCE THEIR ADOPTION, NO
18 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN REVENUE OR ATTENDANCE HAS OCCURRED.
19 WHILE THE COALITION BELIEVES THAT A 100 PERCENT SMOKING BAN IN
20 PARK WILL NOT HURT BUSINESS, THE BOARD AND THE PARK OF
21 RECREATION HAS INCLUDED AN EXEMPTION FOR CONTRACT OPERATORS
22 FACILITIES TO HAVE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS. IN CLOSING THIS
23 EXEMPTION CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE BOARD, ALONG WITH THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO



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1 ADDRESS THE CONCESSIONARIES CONCERNS. THE COALITION STRONGLY
2 SUPPORTS THIS ORDINANCE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. FLORA PIERCE? THANK YOU,
5 GLORIA. DENISE LAMB?

6

7 **DENISE LAMB:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE LAMB AND I WORK WITH BLACK
8 WOMEN FOR WELLNESS. BETWEEN MAY 2007 AND JUNE 2008, CIGARETTE
9 LITTER CLEANUPS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE COALITION OF SMOKE-FREE
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS IN EACH OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL
11 DISTRICTS. AT EVERY CLEANUP, THOUSANDS OF PIECES OF CIGARETTE
12 LITTER WERE FOUND, INCLUDING CIGARETTE CARTONS, LIGHTERS,
13 MATCH BOOKS AND OF COURSE CIGARETTE BUTTS. EACH CLEANUP WAS
14 CONDUCTED WITH THE HELP OF LOCAL YOUTH AND TOOK TWO HOURS TO
15 COMPLETE. DISCARDED CIGARETTE BUTTS TAKE ABOUT 10 YEARS TO
16 DISINTEGRATE CIGARETTE BUTTS EATEN BY BIRDS, PETS AND OTHER
17 ANIMALS CAN RESULT IN MALNUTRITION, STARVATION AND BLOCKED AIR
18 PASSAGES. CHILDREN CAN SWALLOW OR CHOKE ON CIGARETTE BUTTS
19 DISCARDED IN THE PARK. POISON CONTROL CENTERS SEE AN AVERAGE
20 8,000 CHILDREN PER YEAR POISONED BY INGESTING CIGARETTE BUTTS.
21 CIGARETTES ARE A FIRE HAZARD. 2007, GRIFFITH PARK FIRE WAS
22 CAUSED BY A CIGARETTE BUTT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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1 **JANET ROBERTS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND. START
4 HER TIME OVER. JOAN WADDELL, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. SORRY.
5 GO AHEAD.

6

7 **JANET ROBERTS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
8 CHAIRMAN DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS. I'M JANET ROBERTS,
9 MEMBER OF THE COALITION FOR SMOKE FREE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 PARKS AND MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG
11 CHILDREN. AND I'M HERE TO SHARE THE RESULTS OF THE COUNTY'S
12 SMOKE-FREE PARKS SURVEY, WHICH IS BEING DISTRIBUTED. ACCORDING
13 TO THE POLL IN 2007-2008 GATHERED BY THE GIRLS' CLUB OF LOS
14 ANGELES, 665 RESIDENTS, 79 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS
15 ADMITTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE AT A
16 PARK. 92 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT SECOND-HAND
17 SMOKE IS HARMFUL TO THEIR HEALTH. AND ONLY 64 PERCENT OF
18 RESPONDENTS WERE AWARE OF THE STATE LAW THAT BANS SMOKING
19 WITHIN 20 FEET OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS. WE HAVE GATHERED 35
20 LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS CITIES AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES
21 MORE SMOKE-FREE PARKS. WE HAVE LETTERS FROM EACH ONE OF YOUR
22 DISTRICTS. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
23 HERE, TO SUPPORT THE COALITION. PLEASE STAND HERE AT THIS
24 TIME. WE ALL THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE ALL APPLAUD YOUR
25 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA ETEM? DEMTRI?

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4 **DEMTRI MCKAY:** GOOD MORNING. TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIR
5 DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS, I'M DEMTRI MCKAY. I'M A GOLFER
6 AND AS A CHILD I LEARNED HOW TO GOLF AT CHESTER WASHINGTON
7 GOLF COURSE. AS AN ADULT I STILL GOLF AT CHESTER WASHINGTON
8 ALONG WITH MY SON AARON AND MANY OF OUR FRIENDS. I HAVE GOLFED
9 AT OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES, SUCH AS WHITTIER NARROWS,
10 ROSEMEAD, LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE. ON BEHALF OF MY GOLF FRIENDS,
11 WE SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT. I AM HERE TO PROTECT MY FAMILY AND
12 FRIENDS FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CIGARETTES AND CIGARS.
13 GOLF COURSES SHOULD BE A FRIENDLY PLACE. PARENTS MUST BE A
14 POSITIVE ROLE MODEL, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY,
15 TOO. I APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP TO MAKE PARKS SMOKE-
16 FREE BY CREATING A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR GOLFERS
17 AND THEIR FAMILIES. I HOPE THAT WE CAN CHERISH AND PRESERVE
18 THE GOLF COURSES AND PARKS. I WANT TO SEE A UNANIMOUS VOTE
19 TODAY, 5-0 VOTE WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD YOU WRAP IT UP?

22

23 **DMETRI MCKAY:** I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CRAIG KESSLER? [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FLORA?

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4 **FLORA PIERCE:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIR
5 DON KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS FLORA PIERCE AND I'M A
6 GOLFER AND I SUPPORT THIS BAN. WHEN I'M GOLFING WITH MY
7 FRIENDS AND MY CHILDREN WE WANT FRESH AIR. CIGARETTES AND
8 CIGARS ARE DISGUSTING AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SMELL THEM.
9 WE ALL KNOW THAT SMOKE DRIFTS AND IS HARMFUL TO CHILDREN AND
10 PEOPLE WITH ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. I
11 PERSONALLY HAVE HAD MEMBERS IN MY FAMILY TO DIE FROM SMOKING
12 AND SECONDHAND SMOKE. SO I KNOW FIRSTHAND ABOUT PREMATURE
13 DEATH AND DISEASES CAUSED BY SMOKING. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
14 HEALTH. IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE UNPLEASANT SMELL OF CIGARETTES AND
15 THE FACT THAT SMOKERS LEAVE THE BUTTS EVERYWHERE. I THINK OUR
16 FAMILIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY GOLF IN A SMOKE-FREE AND
17 CIGARETTE-BUTT FREE COURSE. ALSO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE TODAY. I THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY CONCERNS
19 TODAY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] HERMAN ARMANDO?

22

23 **JOAN WADDELL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 JOAN WADDELL. I REPRESENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
25 AND DRUG DEPENDENCE, SOUTH BAY, AND SOUTH BAY SMOKE-FREE PARKS



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1 AND BEACHES. ENFORCEMENT IS NOT AN ISSUE. REFERENCING YOUR
2 FEASIBILITY REPORT ON PAGE 3 ACCORDING TO CHIEF NASH AND LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND BUREAU, NO
4 ADDITIONAL COSTS WILL BE INCURRED FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE BAN
5 ON SMOKING IN COUNTY PARKS, SINCE ENFORCEMENT WOULD OCCUR
6 DURING REGULAR PATROLS OF OTHER BANNED BEHAVIORS, SUCH AS
7 LITTERING. SMOKE-FREE PARKS ARE SELF-ENFORCING SINCE PEOPLE
8 WHO SMOKE ARE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD BE
9 SELF-ENFORCING BY PLACING SUFFICIENT SIGNAGE. THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TOBACCO CONTROL PREVENTION PROGRAM HAS
11 IDENTIFIED 36,000 FROM PROPOSITION 99 TO FUND THE SIGNAGE AND
12 SUPPLIES. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

15
16 **PAT ETEM:** GOOD MORNING. I'M PAT ETEM. I DIRECT RESEARCH POLICY
17 AND PLANNING FOR BREATHE CALIFORNIA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
18 I THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HEARING THE CURB TO CURB
19 BAN FOR SMOKE-FREE PARKS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF
20 OUR BOARD, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING
21 PULMONOLOGISTS AND PEDIATRICIANS, WHO ON A DAILY BASIS REALLY
22 DEAL WITH THE FALLOUT OF EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE, WE
23 WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT OF A CURB TO CURB
24 SMOKE-FREE BAN FOR THE PARKS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
25 THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EFFORT TO INFLUENCE



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1 POSITIVE LIFESTYLES, AND THIS EFFORT HAS INVOLVED YOUTH AND
2 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS. THIS PROVIDES THE
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO JOIN OTHER
4 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION AS WELL AS CITIES INCLUDING THE
5 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN HAVING A STRONG SMOKE-FREE PARKS
6 ORDINANCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CRAIG?

9

10 **CRAIG KESSLER:** CHAIRMAN KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD
11 MORNING. MY NAME IS CRAIG KESSLER, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
12 PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ON
13 BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION, I'M HERE TODAY TO REASSURE YOU THAT
14 THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERALLY
15 GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICES AT THOSE GOLF COURSES AND CONCESSIONS.
16 ALSO I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT THE ORDINANCE-- AND WE
17 ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT IT TODAY-- IS STRONGER THAN THE
18 ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OR COMPANION CITY OF
19 LOS ANGELES WHICH CATEGORICALLY EXEMPTED GOLF COURSES.
20 NEVERTHELESS THE LANGUAGE THAT'S IN HERE GIVING CERTAIN
21 DISCRETIONS TO THE DIRECTORS' DESIGNEES AND TO THE OPERATORS
22 YOU HAVE RUNNING THESE GOLF COURSES FOR YOU AGAIN IS
23 CONSISTENT WITH SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICE. IT'S WORKABLE. BUT AT
24 THE SAME TIME IT WILL PREVENT THE DANGERS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE.



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1 WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ARMANDO?

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6 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS ARMANDO HERMAN AND I
7 OPPOSE THIS HEALTH HAZARD THAT WE ALL ENCOUNTER DAILY. AND WE
8 JUST HOPE FOR THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT IS
9 BEING PROVIDED HERE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE DOESN'T SAY REALLY
10 WHAT THE EFFECT WILL BE AGAINST THIS IN THE FUTURE. IF WE
11 PREVENT THOSE WHO SMOKE AND DON'T CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF
12 OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKE MYSELF WHO HAVE RESPIRATORY
13 ISSUES, WE JUST ASK THAT MEMBERS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE
14 FUTURE IS. AND IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE SMOKERS AND
15 ALLOW THIS TO AFFECT OTHERS' LIVES, THEN THINK OF THE COSTS
16 IT'S GOING TO BE AND THE HOSPITALS THAT WE'RE CLOSING TODAY.
17 AND WE DON'T HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THE SMOKING INDUSTRIES THAT
18 PROVIDE US WITH ALL THIS BAD ODORS OF NICOTINE AND SMOKE. SO I
19 JUST OPPOSE OF IT. AND I HOPE THAT YOUR CONSIDERATION INTO THE
20 LANGUAGE IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US ALL. THANK YOU.

21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SECONDED, OKAY.
24 I'LL BE VOTING NO. IT PASSES 4-1. THE ITEM PASSES. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT ALSO RELATES TO
2 ITEM 48.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT ALSO RELATES TO
7 ITEM 48.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. ON ITEM 48, THE ORDINANCE. THANK
10 YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN. APPRECIATE IT.
11 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SECOND READING IT WILL, YES. ITEM 48.
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA NOW IS UP.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO ASK MR. GRANBO TO COME UP AND JOIN
17 US.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHO ARE YOU ASKING FOR?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GRANBO.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GRANBO, IN THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD LAST
24 WEEK ON C.S.-1, WHAT DID YOU UNDERSTAND TO BE THE ACTION THAT



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1 I HAD ASKED YOU TO TAKE OR THE INFORMATION THAT I ASKED YOU TO
2 GET?

3

4 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** EXPLORE THEORIES OF LIABILITY THAT
5 COULD BE ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY? WHAT? I DIDN'T HEAR HIM.

8

9 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU READY?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

12

13 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** TO EXPLORE THEORIES OF LIABILITY THAT
14 COULD BE ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY BY THE SECURITY GUARDS
15 AND TO GIVE YOU WHAT THOSE THEORIES WOULD BE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU READ THE INSTRUCTION? I ASKED YOU HOW IT
18 COULD BE WRITTEN AS A LIABILITY.

19

20 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING, AFTER
21 DISCUSSING--?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU READ THE INSTRUCTION?

24



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1 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** NO. I REMEMBERED IT FROM THE CLOSED
2 SESSION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DO I, AND I REMEMBER I ASKED YOU TO WRITE IT
5 AS A LIABILITY.

6

7 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** THAT'S WHAT WE ATTEMPTED TO DO.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU ATTEMPTED TO DO. I ASKED YOU
10 HERE: COUNTY COUNSEL WAS TO RESEARCH HOW THE COUNTY COULD
11 CONSIDER THE EMPLOYEES' WAGES AS A LIABILITY AND FOR FUTURE
12 CONTRACTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE COULD BE ANYTHING PUT IN
13 THE CONTRACT TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES SUCH AS A BOND. LASTLY,
14 THE BOARD ASKED FOR EXAMPLE WHERE COMPANIES HAVE GONE BANKRUPT
15 AND SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.

16

17 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** WELL THE LAST TWO PARTS THAT YOU JUST
18 READ WE'RE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT IN CLOSED SESSION WITH YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT I ASKED YOU VERY CLEARLY TO SEE IF
21 YOU COULD WRITE IT AS A LIABILITY. AND YOU DIDN'T DO THAT.
22 INSTEAD YOU GAVE ME THE SAME LEGAL OPINION THAT YOU PROVIDED
23 FOR US THE LAST TIME, WHICH SAID THAT IT COULD NOT BE DONE.

24



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1 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I GAVE YOU THE BEST LEGAL
2 ADVICE THAT I COULD COME UP WITH.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I DIDN'T ASK YOU FOR THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COME ON. THIS IS AN ISSUE WE NEED TO
7 DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION. NO, THIS IS AN ISSUE WE NEED TO
8 DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY. THE BANKRUPTCY IS BEFORE US IN CLOSED
11 SESSION. THE PAYING OF THESE WAGES IS NOT NOT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY IT IS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO IT IS NOT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S PRECEDENT SETTING.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I ASKED FOR
20 A SPECIFIC.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ASKED FOR ONE THING. AND NOT JUST TO
23 GET THE RIGHT ANSWER.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THE IDEA WAS TO ASK HIM HOW TO WRITE IT AS A
2 LIABILITY. NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAD THE VOTES FOR IT. I
3 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF I WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT. BUT THAT'S WHAT
4 I ASKED FOR.

5

6 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, WHEN YOU ASKED TO WRITE IT
7 AS A LIABILITY, I BELIEVED YOU WERE TALKING IN THE CONTEXT OF
8 HOW WE SETTLE CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS AS LIABILITY CLAIMS AND
9 LAWSUITS. SO I CAME UP WITH THEORIES THAT THE SECURITY GUARDS
10 COULD ASSERT, BUT WE DON'T THINK THEY HAVE LEGITIMATE THEORIES
11 AGAINST THE COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED YOU, MR. GRAMBO.

14

15 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ASKED ME,
16 THEN, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THIS ISSUE, WHAT WE HAVE HERE AND MAYBE MR.
19 LIEBERMAN CAN JOIN US, AS WELL. WHEN THIS BANKRUPTCY STARTED,
20 THIS GENTLEMAN WAS ARRESTED BY OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF.
21 HE WAS CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PAY MORE THAN 9 MILLION IN
22 WORKMAN'S COMP INSURANCE PREMIUMS. THEN THERE WAS SOME
23 DIALOGUE THAT WENT BACK AND FORTH FROM OUR DEPUTIES, OUR
24 JUSTICE DEPUTIES, ALL OF THEM RECEIVED IT, ABOUT THE FACT THAT
25 THE COUNTY POLICE HAD FOUND OUT THAT THERE WAS A BANKRUPTCY



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1 AND THAT WE LEARNED THAT THE COMPANY SECURITY GUARDS HAD NOT
2 BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE TENTH. ALL RIGHT? SO YOU HAD FULL
3 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAD NOT BEEN PAID. COUNTY
4 COUNSEL IS ALSO COPIED ON THESE EMAILS. IT GOES ON TO SAY THEN
5 THERE'S ANOTHER EMAIL THAT SAYS AND THEY AGAIN YOU'RE COPIED
6 ON THIS ONE, AS WELL--

7

8 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** ME PERSONALLY, SUPERVISOR?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** COUNTY COUNSEL. AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS
11 DO IT. SHARPER AT-- NO, LEELA KAPUR AT COUNTY COUNSEL. AND
12 THEN THE NEXT DAY YOU HAVE I.S.D. REPORTS THAT 124 SECURITY
13 GUARDS AT THE 56 LOCATIONS WERE THERE AND THAT 26 OF THE 124
14 HAD ABANDONED THEIR POST. SO YOU HAD ALMOST 100 OF THEM WHO
15 WERE WORKING FOR US AND WE KNEW IT AT THAT TIME. EVEN THOUGH
16 EVERYONE KNEW THE BANKRUPTCY HAD BEEN FILED. SO WE HAVE THESE
17 EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR US WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE ON ALL ASPECTS OF
18 THAT. THEN AGAIN THERE WAS THE OTHER MEMO IN WHICH CHIEF
19 LIEBERMAN IS ASKING THE CONTRACT MONITORS TO BE FINALLY
20 RELIEVED OF DUTY. AND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAD ADVISED THEM
21 THAT WE SHOULD DO IT AT THAT TIME. SO, COUNTY COUNSEL HAD FULL
22 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES WERE WORKING WITHOUT PAY.

23

24 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. WITH PLENTY OF TIME. AND MY CONCERN
2 IS, IS THAT WHEN COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO DO SOMETHING, IT WILL
3 DO IT. NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IS OUTSTANDING TO THESE
4 EMPLOYEES. BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS YOU HAVE A GROUP OF
5 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE SHOWING UP TO WORK, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE
6 OUR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, AND NOW WE WANT TO DISMISS THE FACT
7 THAT WE CAN'T PAY THEM UNDER ALL OF THE LEGAL JUMBLE YOU WILL
8 DO. I ASKED FOR A SPECIFIC REQUEST. I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS
9 GOING TO PASS OR NOT. BUT WHEN I ASKED FOR SOMETHING, I WOULD
10 HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN SUCH A RESPONSE. NOW WHAT'S
11 FASCINATING ABOUT THIS PROCESS, IS THAT IT CAME ACROSS MY DESK
12 LAST WEEK, I GOT A WHOLE MEMO. AGAIN, THIS IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF
13 CONTRACTS IN WHICH PEOPLE DID NOT PERFORM THE SERVICES. THEY
14 WERE AUDITED BY THE COUNTY. THEY DID NOT PERFORM THE SERVICES.
15 AND NOW THEY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN OFF. D&F SERVICES, \$577,000 WAS
16 WRITTEN OFF. WE HAVE FAMILY'S GROUP HOME DID NOT PROVIDE THOSE
17 SERVICES DURING THE YEAR, \$717,000 WAS WRITTEN OFF. MELITAS
18 GROUP HOME, \$853,000 WAS WRITTEN OFF. INTERNATIONAL F.F.A.,
19 \$131 AND 31,000. THAT IS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2.6 MILLION THAT WERE
20 WRITTEN OFF OF PEOPLE WHO HAD CONTRACTS THAT DID NOT PROVIDE
21 SERVICES. IN CONTRAST TO A COUPLE OF SECURITY GUARDS WHO
22 SHOWED UP, WHO I.S.D. AND LIEBERMAN AND OTHERS WHO KNEW, AND I
23 ASKED FOR THE SIMPLICITY OF ASKING YOU TO FIND A WAY. IT'S A
24 SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS OF WORK THEY WERE
25 THERE. SOME DIDN'T SHOW UP. THEY WERE PROVIDING SECURITY.



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1 WHETHER THEY WERE IN OUR HOSPITALS, IN OUR CLINICS, IN OUR
2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. NO ONE WAS COMPLAINING THAT DAY. THEY
3 WERE JUST FINDING BACKUP FOR THE ONES THAT DIDN'T SHOW UP. I
4 THINK THAT THIS COUNTY, ON JUST THE ISSUE OF EQUITY AND
5 FAIRNESS, OWES SOME KIND OF DUTY. THERE IS NO DOUBT, MR.
6 GRAMBO, THAT WHEN ALL OF THESE LAWS ARE PUT IN PLACE AS A
7 BARRIER FOR SOMEONE WHO I'M SURE IS GETTING MINIMUM WAGE AS A
8 SECURITY GUARD AND THAT YOU CAN'T FIND A WAY, BUT WHEN NEED BE
9 PEOPLE WITH BIG LOBBYISTS CAN WRITE OFF \$2.6 MILLION FOR
10 CONTRACTS THAT WERE PAID AND WORK WAS NOT PERFORMED AND
11 COLLECTIONS WERE NEVER EVEN PROVIDED AT ALL. SO I'M SAYING THE
12 CONTRAST IS UNBELIEVABLE. AND I STILL THINK THAT THERE IS A
13 DUTY OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY. I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING,
14 WHETHER THESE GUARDS HAVE FILED CLAIMS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
15 THEIR SITUATION IS. SOME OF THEM WERE LOOKING FOR JOBS WITH A
16 SECURITY FIRM THAT TOOK OVER THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. SOME HAVE
17 BEEN HIRED. SOME MAYBE HAVE NOT BEEN HIRED. BUT I KNOW THAT
18 THERE WAS AN EXPECTATION AT SOME POINT THAT THE COUNTY WOULD
19 HONOR, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT KNEW CLEARLY. THE COUNTY ARRESTED
20 THIS GENTLEMAN FOR OTHER WORKMAN'S COMP FRAUD. THEY KNEW THE
21 BANKRUPTCY. THEY KNEW THESE EMPLOYEES WERE WORKING AND SHOWING
22 UP EVERY DAY. SOME OF THEM DID NOT. AND VERY, FRANKLY, I AM
23 VERY, VERY DISAPPOINTED WHEN I ASKED FOR A CERTAIN INFORMATION
24 AND YOU DECIDED TO JUST PURSUE THE LEGAL END OF IT. AND I
25 UNDERSTAND THAT CLEARLY. BUT WHEN WE ASKED YOU AT ANY OTHER



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1 TIME TO PROVIDE IT, YOU GUYS PROVIDE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO
2 WHENEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT. AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT I DON'T
3 APPRECIATE ANY OF IT. AND I PARTICULARLY LIKE THAT LINE ABOUT
4 "PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY". THAT WAS A REAL GOOD ONE IN THERE.
5 SO I'M PUTTING IN THIS MOTION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE I THINK
6 THAT WE HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY UNDER EQUITY AND
7 FAIRNESS AS WE DO ALL THE TIME. ON APRIL 2009 AN EXECUTIVE
8 WITH THE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS COMPANY INTERNATIONAL
9 SERVICES INC. WHO ALSO SERVED AS A RESERVE DEPUTY WITH THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH FAILING
11 TO PAY MORE THAN \$9 MILLION IN WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION
12 INSURANCE PREMIUMS. THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH I.S.I. FOR
13 SECURITY SERVICES IN OUR HEALTH CLINICS, OUR SOCIAL SERVICES
14 BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC FACILITIES. DESPITE THE
15 BANKRUPTCY ANNOUNCEMENT, THESE SECURITY WORKERS BELIEVED IT
16 WAS THEIR DUTY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COUNTY,
17 SO THEY CONTINUED TO REPORT TO WORK. WE CANNOT LET
18 BUREAUCRATIC EXCUSES PREVENT THESE EMPLOYEES FROM GETTING
19 PAID. THEY HONORED THEIR COMMITMENT TO US BY PERFORMING THE
20 JOB; WE SHOULD HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM BY PAYING THEM,
21 ESPECIALLY SINCE THE COUNTY FULLY KNEW THAT I.S.I. WAS IN
22 MURKY FINANCIAL WATERS. THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS WAS NO SECRET
23 TO US, AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE THEM. WE SHOULD, IN GOOD
24 FAITH, PAY THE EMPLOYEES ACCORDINGLY. THE COUNTY, KNOWING THAT
25 THESE SECURITY OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE



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1 TENTH, CONTINUED TO RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND DID NOT RELIEVE
2 THEM OF DUTY UNTIL MAY 6TH, A FULL 26 DAYS LATER. THE COUNTY
3 AND ITS FACILITIES CLEARLY BENEFITED FROM THE SECURITY
4 SERVICES. IN A SPIRIT OF JUSTICE, FAIRNESS AND EQUITY, THE
5 COUNTY SHOULD REIMBURSE THESE EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED.
6 I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE
7 AUDITOR DETERMINE HOW MUCH THESE EMPLOYEES ARE OWED AND ISSUE
8 PAYMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I ASSUME THAT YOU'RE
11 READING THAT INTO THE RECORD FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY, IS THERE A PROBLEM TO DO IT RIGHT NOW? I'M
14 SORRY?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS NO URGENCY. I'M GOING TO ASK
17 THAT THIS MOTION BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH
18 THE OTHER ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT CAN BE HEARD THEN TODAY?

21

22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** PARDON ME?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN IT WILL BE HEARD TODAY.

25



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1 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** WELL, I BELIEVE THE NOTICE WAS FOR
2 CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. ALL RIGHT. THEN WE CAN
5 NOTE SINCE THIS WAS NOT THE ISSUE THERE, THEN WE CAN NOTICE
6 THIS FOR NEXT WEEK AND PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SINCE THE
7 NOTICE WAS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BANKRUPTCY. THIS IS AN ISSUE
8 ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO PAY WORKERS THAT SHOWED
9 UP FOR WORK.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PUT ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA, THAT'S
12 FINE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND CAN I ALSO ASK THAT MAYBE SOMEBODY GET BACK
15 TO US ON HOW THEY LEGALLY WRITE OFF \$2.6 MILLION?

16

17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE CERTAINLY WILL
18 LOOK INTO THAT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF YOUR
19 INTENTIONS OR WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO CITE AS AUTHORITY PRIOR
20 TO THE BOARD HEARING, SO WE ARE SOMEWHAT DISADVANTAGED AND
21 UNABLE TO RESPOND TO A NUMBER OF THE STATEMENTS AND BASICALLY
22 ALLEGATIONS THAT YOU'VE MADE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THESE ALLEGATIONS? THIS CAME FROM THE AUDITOR'S
25 OFFICE.



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2 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS AS TO PRIOR
3 KNOWLEDGE BY COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW-- WHAT
6 THE RESPONSIBILITY IS. IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO TO LEELA KAPUR
7 OR WHAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS THERE. ALL I KNOW IS THEY ALSO
8 HAD A DUTY TO MAYBE RESEARCH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, AS WELL.

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE CAN DISCUSS THAT ISSUE
11 IN CLOSED SESSION. BUT IT WAS RESEARCHED. THEORIES WERE
12 PRESENTED IN THE MEMO, BUT WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ADVISE
13 YOU OF THE PITFALLS OF THOSE THEORIES. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DONE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND THAT. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS
16 NOT A RESPONSE TO WHAT I ASKED FOR. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

17

18 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL I BELIEVE, THERE IS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. AND VERY, FRANKLY,
21 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THIS COUNTY IS DOING MORE AND MORE OF
22 IS GOING BEHIND CLOSED SESSION AND HIDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
23 OF APPROVALS ON A CONSTANT BASIS, OF APPROVING THINGS ON A
24 CONSTANT BASIS AROUND HERE WITHOUT MUCH OF THE JUSTIFICATION,
25 AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE. MR. NAGLE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE THAT LONG. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THAT LONG
9 AGO. ALMOST A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THAT CONSTITUTE THAT WE ARE DOING IT
12 MORE AND MORE, SOME CITATIONS?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONGOING CLOSED
15 SESSIONS. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT VERY CLEARLY--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S NOT TRUE. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO CITE
18 A CASE. CITE A CASE IN THE LAST YEAR. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING
19 ABOUT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CONSTANT-- ON ALL OF THESE
22 ISSUES.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT'S CONSTANT, THEN CERTAINLY YOU WOULD
25 HAVE AT LEAST ONE CASE THAT COMES TO MIND.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE NAGLE BECAUSE IT WAS THREE OR FOUR YEARS
3 AGO DOESN'T COUNT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF IT'S CONSTANT, GIVE ME ONE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONSTANT, I CAN-- IN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE
8 CASES OF LIABILITY THAT WE ARE RAISING, THERE IS ALWAYS A
9 SETTLEMENT THAT IS DONE. AND IT IS CLEARLY NOT ON THE BASIS OF
10 ANY INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED TO US. IT IS DONE AS
11 CONVENIENCE. AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THESE SETTLEMENT CASES
12 ON AN ONGOING BASIS, IT IS USUALLY BECAUSE IT'S SOME FAULT OF
13 SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEE ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT IS NOT REVIEWED.
14 YOU HAVE A COUPLE THAT ARE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION TODAY
15 THAT IF YOU READ THE LEGAL MEMO, IT CLEARLY DOES NOT STATE THE
16 FACTS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE, I WOULD HOPE THAT
21 WE COULD DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY TODAY PURSUANT TO
22 CALENDARING THIS FOR NEXT WEEK. AND WITH YOUR CONSENT, MR.
23 CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS THE COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD HAVE A
24 CONVERSATION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ON THE INFORMATION
25 THAT WAS PRESENTED SO AS TO NOT BE IN THE POSITION OF



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1 ASSERTING THAT YOU KNOW NOT OF THE NUMBERS THAT WERE
2 PRESENTED. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN
3 WHATEVER CONTEXT, CLOSED SESSION OR IN OPEN SESSION, THAT YOU
4 AT LEAST BE AWARE OF THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT
5 FORTH SO THAT THERE IS CLARITY. SO THAT THERE IS CLARITY AS TO
6 THE PRESENTATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE. FOR SOME OF US, IT IS NEW
7 INFORMATION, BUT INFORMATION THAT HAS BEARING ON OUR DECISION
8 MAKING PROCESSES. AND IF THERE IS ANOTHER ENTITY WITHIN OUR
9 STRUCTURE, NAMELY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THAT STANDS BEHIND
10 THESE NUMBERS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS, IN FACT, MATERIAL.

11

12 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I'M NOT DISPUTING THAT, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT YOU ARE DISPUTING
15 IT, SIR, THROUGH THE CHAIR, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD, THAT
16 WHICH YOU SAID YOU HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT, I'M SUGGESTING
17 THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION AT THIS POINT, THROUGH THE
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TO JUST GET THAT INFORMATION SO THAT THERE
19 IS CLARITY, AT LEAST IN YOUR MIND AS YOU SEEK TO PROVIDE
20 INFORMATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD.

21

22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I APPRECIATE THAT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FAIR ENOUGH? MR. CHAIRMAN?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. DO
2 YOU KNOW WHAT? IN ALL DUE RESPECT, WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF
3 TIMES, WE ASK SPECIFIC THINGS, WE DON'T GET THE ANSWER WE
4 WANT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S WRONG. OKAY?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS THE CASE THAT THERE'S
7 NEW INFORMATION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WELL IT'S BEEN CALENDARED FOR NEXT
10 WEEK. MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S YOU OR GRANBO
13 SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS, BUT DO WE NOT HAVE A LIABILITY ON THIS
14 CASE, TOO? HAVE WE NOT PAID THE CONTRACTOR?

15

16 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE, I BELIEVE-- ROGER CAN ANSWER THAT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. AND DO WE NOT OWE THE BANKRUPTCY?

19

20 **ROGER GRANBO:** SUPERVISOR, WE OWE THE SECURITY COMPANY \$750,000
21 APPROXIMATELY. WE'RE ALLOWED TO WITHHOLD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
22 THAT FOR THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND THE REST IS
23 OWED TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
24 DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WE HIRED THIS FIRM, AND THE MOTION
2 THAT'S BEEN CALENDARED FOR NEXT WEEK, THE ASSERTION IS MADE
3 THAT WE SHOULD HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM, MEANING THE
4 EMPLOYEES, BY PAYING THEM. THE FINANCIAL STATUS WAS NO SECRET
5 TO US AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE THEM. DID WE HIRE THE
6 EMPLOYEES? OR DID WE HIRE A FIRM WHICH HIRED THE EMPLOYEES?

7

8 **ROGER GRANBO:** THE FIRM.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE FIRE EMPLOYEES?

11

12 **ROGER GRANBO:** NO. ONCE WE GOT PERMISSION FROM THE BANKRUPTCY
13 COURT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACTS, WHICH WE SUBSEQUENTLY
14 REPORTED TO YOU, WE THEN INFORMED THE EMPLOYEES THAT THEY WERE
15 NO LONGER WORKING UNDER A CONTRACT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE MOTION, THE
18 COUNTY KNOWING THAT THESE SECURITY OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN PAID
19 SINCE APRIL 10TH CONTINUED TO RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND DID
20 NOT RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR DUTY UNTIL MAY 6TH. DID WE RELIEVE
21 THE EMPLOYEES OF THEIR DUTY?

22

23 **ROGER GRANBO:** WE DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RELIEVE THEM OF
24 THEIR DUTY OR INTERFERE WITH THEIR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

2

3 **ROGER GRANBO:** WHEN WE FOUND OUT THEY WENT INTO BANKRUPTCY ON
4 APRIL 30TH, WE IMMEDIATELY HIRED BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL WHO WENT
5 IN AND FILED AN EMERGENCY MOTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACTS.
6 THAT HAPPENED ON MAY 5TH. ON MAY 6TH, WE THEN NOTIFIED THE
7 EMPLOYEES--

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM?

10

11 **ROGER GRANBO:** THE SECURITY FIRM. WE THEN NOTIFIED THE
12 EMPLOYEES THAT WE NO LONGER HAD A CONTRACT WITH THEIR
13 EMPLOYER.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN IT COMES TO ALSO CHECKING THE
16 VERACITY OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED, I ALSO
17 WOULD LIKE YOU, NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS MOTION BEFORE US, WHICH
18 I RECEIVED ABOUT 20 MINUTES AGO, THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT THIS
19 MOTION AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS
20 PRESENTED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT HAS-- WHAT OUR OBLIGATIONS
21 ARE, WHO OUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH, SO THAT WE HAVE IT ALL IN
22 ONE PLACE. BECAUSE THERE ARE ASSERTIONS IN THIS MOTION THAT
23 ARE JUST NOT TRUE, AS WE'VE JUST DEMONSTRATED. AND IF WE HAD
24 HIRED THE EMPLOYEES, IF THEY WERE OUR EMPLOYEES, PER SE, I
25 SUSPECT YOU MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION.



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2 **ROGER GRANBO:** WE COULD PAY THEM AT THAT TIME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE COULD PAY THEM. BUT WE DIDN'T HIRE THE
5 EMPLOYEES. WE HIRED THE CONTRACT FIRM. ANYWAY, WE'LL DEAL WITH
6 THIS NEXT WEEK. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE ALL THE
7 INFORMATION. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AND
8 HOPEFULLY WE CAN LET YOU ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS AT THAT TIME.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF INFORMATION, MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY?
11 WAS THERE REPRESENTATION THAT THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE MOTION
12 THAT'S UNTRUE AND THAT THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED? DID I HEAR
13 THAT JUST NOW?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WENT THROUGH IT. BUT I'LL CITE IT
16 AGAIN. IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE FIRST PAGE. IT SAID THE
17 FINANCIAL STATUS IS NO SECRET TO US AND WE CONTINUED TO HIRE
18 THEM, REFERRING TO THE EMPLOYEES. WE DID NOT HIRE THE
19 EMPLOYEES. WE HAD A CONTRACT FIRM, FIRM ON CONTRACT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IT IS REPRESENTED IN THE MOTION THAT
22 SUCH IS THE CASE AND IT IS REPRESENTED BY COUNTY COUNSEL THAT
23 HE DOESN'T THINK THAT THAT WAS THE CASE.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE KNOWS IT IS NOT THE CASE. I THINK
2 HE'S MADE THAT--

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU SAID I THINK. BUT I'M HEARING JUST A
5 TAD BIT OF EQUIVOCATION THERE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S IN DISPUTE, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I
10 THINK THEY'LL DO MORE TO--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN ASK THE C.E.O., AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT BEFORE WE SAY SOMETHING IS UNTRUE,
15 WHICH IS KIND OF A STRONG STATEMENT, ARE WE NOT BEST SERVED BY
16 SCRUBBING EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF THESE DETAILS CAREFULLY SO
17 THAT WE END UP IN THE RIGHT PLACE? I DON'T HAVE A NEED TO
18 ASSERT THAT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS MAKING A STATEMENT OR
19 PUTTING IN A MOTION--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE MAKER OF THE MOTION SAID THERE WERE
22 UNTRUE STATEMENTS. YOU SAID THERE WERE UNTRUE SOME OF THE
23 THINGS THE COUNTY COUNSEL DID.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? IF I MAY? I JUST THINK IT'S
2 ILL ADVISED TO ASSERT THAT PEOPLE HERE ARE MAKING UNTRUE
3 STATEMENTS. I THINK WE ARE OBLIGED TO GET TO THE FACTS IN THIS
4 INSTANCE. AND I'M HEARING A COUPLE THINGS THAT CONCERN ME: NEW
5 INFORMATION THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF AND
6 NEEDS TO LOOK AT IT TO SEE IF IT IN FACT HAS BEARING, ONE.
7 AND, TWO, I'M HEARING A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT THINGS WITH
8 RESPECT TO NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES, WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES
9 MAY, IN FACT, HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR AFFIRMATIVELY ENGAGING IN
10 TERMINATION OR BEING A PART OF THAT PROCESS. I SIMPLY WISH TO
11 KNOW WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF CLARITY AND CERTAINTY RATHER
12 THAN ASSERTIONS THAT OUGHT TO BE ACCEPTED ON FACE VALUE. NO,
13 WE NEED TO DIG A LITTLE BIT DEEPER, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK IF
14 WE WERE TO DO SO, WE WOULD END UP IN A PLACE THAT WE CAN FIND
15 MOST DEFENSIBLE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I JUST RESPOND TO THAT?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BRIEFLY. THIS IS GOING TO BE--
20 WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THIS AGAIN NEXT WEEK. SO WE DON'T NEED
21 TO REGURGITATE EVERYTHING.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE DISCUSSED IT IN CLOSED SESSION LAST
24 WEEK, AND THIS ISSUE, THIS VERY ISSUE OF THE CONTRACT OR



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1 VERSUS THE EMPLOYEES WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH LAST WEEK. NO ONE
2 DISPUTED THAT FACT AT THE TIME. AND I THINK THAT MR. FUJIOKA--

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DISPUTED WHAT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I FINISH?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SEEKING CLARIFICATION. DIDN'T DISPUTED
9 WHAT FACT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DISPUTED THE FACT THAT WE HIRED THE
12 CONTRACTOR, NOT THE EMPLOYEES. THAT CAME UP IN THE CLOSED--
13 FORGET THE COUNTY COUNSEL, SINCE I GUESS IT'S PICK ON THE
14 COUNTY COUNSEL DAY. CAN WE ASK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA? ARE YOU AWARE
15 OF WHETHER WE HIRED THE CONTRACTOR OR HIRED THE INDIVIDUAL
16 EMPLOYEES? MR. LIEBERMAN? I DON'T KNOW WHO IS THE CONTRACT
17 ADMINISTRATOR HERE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE I CAN ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE A
20 CONTRACT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMPANY, NOT THE EMPLOYEES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HIRE THE EMPLOYEES AT ALL?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE DO NOT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU FIRE THE EMPLOYEES?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU GIVE NOTICE TO THE EMPLOYEES?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** NO.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL WAIT A MINUTE, THAT MEANS THE COUNTY

8 COUNSEL--

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I HAVE THE FLOOR.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE COUNTY COUNSEL ASSERTED

13 SOMETHING.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO HAVE A HABIT OF HAVING LETTING PEOPLE

16 ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS AND NOT INTERRUPTING THEM--

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND INTERRUPTING OTHER PEOPLE AND

19 DOMINATING THE DISCUSSION ,ALL OF THE ABOVE. NOW IF WE ARE

20 GOING TO TURN THE HEAT UP, LET'S TURN IT ALL THE WAY UP.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TURN IT ALL THE WAY UP, THEN.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE DO. WERE THERE ANY NOTIFICATIONS TO

25 EMPLOYEES?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THERE WAS A MEMO GENERATED BY MY OFFICE ON MAY THE
3 SIXTH AND THAT WAS JUST NOTIFYING THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT I.S.I.
4 WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COUNTY AND THAT
5 WE WOULD BE GOING TO A DIFFERENT CONTRACTOR. AND THAT WAS
6 BASED ON INFORMATION WE OBTAINED FROM COUNTY COUNSEL FROM THE
7 BANKRUPTCY COURT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT WAS NOT A NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF
10 THE EMPLOYEES?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ASK FOR EMPLOYEES
13 THAT ARE UNDER COUNTY CONTRACT TO BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER ONE
14 OF THE VENDORS' CONTRACTS. WE DO NOT TERMINATE THEM. HE HAS
15 THE ABILITY TO ASSIGN THEM TO MAYBE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
16 FACILITY OR A PRIVATE, ANOTHER PRIVATE CONTRACT THAT HE HAS.
17 WE DO NOT HIRE OR TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT WITH OTHER SECURITY
18 GUARDS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. FUJIOKA, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
21 ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER WE HIRE OR FIRED EMPLOYEES VERSUS THE
22 CONTRACTOR?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK MY COMMENTS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH
25 OUR ACTING CHIEF JUST SAID. WITH THE CONTRACTOR, OUR



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1 RELATIONSHIP IS WITH THE ENTITY AND NOT WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF
2 THE ENTITY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO
9 LOOK AT ALL OF THE FACTS. AND CERTAINLY I DID. AND MR.
10 LIEBERMAN, YOU CLEARLY IN YOUR MEMO, AND YOU SENT THIS TO ALL
11 OF THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES, YOU WROTE A MEMO TO ALL OF US AND IT
12 SAYS TO INFORM US THAT YOU'D LEARNED THAT THEY HAD FILED A
13 CHAPTER 11 ON APRIL THE 27TH. AND YOU ALSO LEARNED ON THAT DAY
14 THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAD NOT BEEN PAID SINCE APRIL THE TENTH.
15 AND THAT ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS HAD BEEN IN CONSULTATION. THIS
16 IS YOUR MEMO I'M READING FROM WITH COUNTY COUNSEL REGARDING
17 THIS MATTER. AND "FROM THE OPERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, OUR
18 CONTINGENCY PLANS SHOULD THE GUARDS NOT REPORT TO THEIR
19 ASSIGNMENTS IS TO STAFF WITH SECURITY GUARDS FROM OTHER
20 EXISTING CONTRACTS AND OFFICERS ON A PRIORITY BASIS." SO THEY
21 WENT AHEAD AND UTILIZED AND KNEW FULL WELL THAT THEY WERE
22 UTILIZING THESE PEOPLE, THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND THAT THEY WERE
23 GOING TO BACK UP WITH OTHER SECURITY GUARDS FROM OTHER
24 CONTRACTS. THEN AGAIN THEY WRITE A MEMO ON THE FIFTH TALKING
25 ABOUT THAT THEY DID THEIR ASSESSMENT AND THAT 124 GUARDS AT 56



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1 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. AND AS OF 1:00, YOU KNEW THAT 26 OF THE
2 124 HAD ABANDONED THEIR POST. SO YOU WERE STILL UTILIZING THE
3 SERVICES OF THOSE SECURITY GUARDS AT THAT POINT IN TIME. AND
4 THIS IS AGAIN FROM THE MEMOS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF COUNSEL. AND
5 THEN AGAIN THERE WAS A LETTER, ANOTHER MEMO, THAT IS
6 WEDNESDAY, MAY THE FIFTH, WHEREAS ACTING CHIEF LIEBERMAN
7 REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE A MEMO OF A CONTRACT _____ AS THEY
8 WERE RELIEVED OF DUTY TODAY." THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS. AND THEN ON
9 MAY 6TH, YOU ISSUED THIS STATEMENT TO THEM RELIEVING THEM OF
10 THAT DUTY ON THAT DAY. SO THERE IS AGAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE. THERE
11 IS ALSO SOME UTILIZATION OF THEIR SERVICES. NOW, AGAIN, I AM
12 JUST SAYING THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT IN TOTAL. AND THAT WHEN
13 WE DISMISS IT AND TRY AND SEPARATE OUR THINGS, "WELL IT WAS A
14 CONTRACT SO WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, IT WAS THIS" IN THE
15 WORLD OF MADOFFS AND EVERYBODY ELSE AS TO WHY THINGS CAN'T
16 HAPPEN CORRECTLY, I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE SIMPLICITY, THE
17 SIMPLICITY OF SECURITY GUARDS THAT HONORED THEIR POST, THEY
18 CAME TO WORK BECAUSE THEY HAD A DUTY, THEY HAD NOT BEEN
19 INFORMED OTHERWISE, WE HAD A DUTY TO THEM, AS WELL. AND,
20 AGAIN, IT'S NOT UNTIL MAY 6TH THAT WE TOOK ANY ACTION
21 WHATSOEVER. SO I'M SAYING THAT WE HAD A DUTY. IT ISN'T A LIE.
22 IT ISN'T MISINFORMATION. IT IS THE FACTS BASED ON THIS. BUT IF
23 I HAVE TO RELY ON COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE THESE FACTS, I'M
24 SURE THEY WILL NOT FIND THEM. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
25 SOME OF US TO ALLOW SOME OF THESE LAWYERS TO KNOW THAT WE DO



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1 HAVE SOME OF THESE FACTS AND THEY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY
2 HERE. I ASK THAT GENTLY LAST WEEK. AND INSTEAD YOU CHOSE TO DO
3 OTHERWISE. IT'S A CONSTANT COVER UP AND ALL I'M SAYING THIS IS
4 A VERY SIMPLE THING. THESE GUYS DON'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF
5 MONEY. THE MOST THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY BE RESPONSIBLE IS LESS
6 THAN \$100,000, I AM SURE. BUT INSTEAD, WE HAVE ALL THE REASONS
7 WHY WE UP LIABILITY ALL THE TIME. WHY WE PAY LIABILITY BECAUSE
8 OUR EMPLOYEES SCREWED UP SOMETHING SO LET'S NOT GO TO COURT
9 BECAUSE WE WILL GET HUNG. IT'S A CONSTANT, CONSTANT ISSUE. AND
10 ALL I AM SAYING IS THAT I ASK FOR A SIMPLE REQUEST. BUT,
11 INSTEAD, YOU NEED TO READ THE LETTER OF THE LAW TO ME, WHICH
12 YOU HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED TO US BEFOREHAND. I HAD ASKED YOU
13 FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT. YOU CHOSE NOT TO DO IT. I'M BRINGING
14 IT HERE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A SIMPLE ISSUE OF EQUITY AND
15 JUSTICE. THE FACTS ARE HERE. YOUR OFFICE, YOU'VE BEEN IN
16 CONSULTATION. COUNTY COUNSEL WAS IN CONSULTATION WITH MR.
17 LIEBERMAN. AND NOT UNTIL MAY 6TH WAS THAT ACTION TAKEN. IN THE
18 MEANTIME, WE RELIED ON THOSE EMPLOYEES TO SHOW UP FOR WORK AND
19 TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

20

21 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, ONCE WE LEARNED OF THE
22 PENDING BANKRUPTCY WAS I BELIEVE THE END OF APRIL, NOT THE
23 BEGINNING OR MIDDLE OF APRIL. AND SECOND OF ALL, ONCE THE
24 BANKRUPTCY HAS BEEN FILED, WE ARE NOT IN THE POSITION TO PAY--
25 TO INTERFERE WITH THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEVER ASKED YOU TO DO THAT, SIR.

3

4 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** NO BUT YOU'RE INDICATING THAT WE CONTINUED TO
5 EMPLOY THEM AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL--

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID NOT ASK FOR YOU TO DO THAT. I ASKED FOR A
8 VERY SIMPLE THING. I ASKED FOR THAT INFORMATION.

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** AND I BELIEVE THAT WE PROVIDED THAT TO YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW YOU BELIEVED YOU PROVIDED IT. AND AT THE
13 SAME TIME I KNOW ON AN ONGOING BASIS ON HOW MANY TIMES THINGS
14 ARE SETTLED AROUND HERE FOR FEAR OF WHAT EXPOSURE WE WILL HAVE
15 BECAUSE OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD COME OUT AS TO HOW WE
16 OPERATE ON AN ONGOING BASIS, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
17 COUNSEL. NOW, BOB, YOU WEREN'T HERE DURING THAT TIME. BUT IT
18 WAS CLEARLY SETTLED WHEN THERE WERE CERTAIN PEOPLE THAT HAD
19 MORE INFORMATION THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY KNEW AND
20 DID NOT WANT TO COME OUT. NOW ALL I AM SAYING IN THIS
21 INSTANCE, IN THIS INSTANCE, I WANTED TO FIND THE WAY THAT WE
22 COULD WRITE THIS AS A LIABILITY AS IT'S DONE IN MANY, MANY
23 INSTANCES. YOU CHOSE TO READ TO ME THE LETTER OF THE LAW. AND
24 I APPRECIATE THAT. I APPRECIATE THAT. THERE'S NONE OF THAT.
25 BUT WHEN AGAIN THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING "WE'RE NOT



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1 GOING TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THIS." INSTEAD YOU
2 DISMISS THIS REQUEST. AND SO THAT IS MY ISSUE WITH OUR COUNTY
3 COUNSEL. BUT I CAN MAKE A CASE CLEARLY, AS WELL, FROM MEMOS
4 THAT ARE WRITTEN FROM MR. LIEBERMAN TO COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO
5 WHAT TO DO IN THIS SITUATION, KNOWING ARE HAVING FULL
6 KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES WERE SHOWING UP TO WORK. THEY
7 HAD THAT INFORMATION. WE WERE UTILIZING THEIR SERVICES. THERE
8 IS NO DOUBT--

9

10 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO TELL THEM NOT TO NOT
11 SHOW UP TO WORK UNTIL THE CONTRACT WAS TAKEN TO BANKRUPTCY
12 COURT AND WE WERE RELIEVED OF THE CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS,
13 SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I UNDERSTAND THIS, AS WELL.

16

17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I THINK THIS IS A MATTER THAT IS APPROPRIATE
18 FOR CLOSED SESSION, I REALLY DO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF COURSE THAT'S ALWAYS WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE.
21 BUT ALL I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU IS THAT IN MY EFFORT AND ALL OF
22 YOUR EFFORTS TO TELL ME THIS IS NOT TRUE, WE HAVE INFORMATION
23 THAT WE RELIED ON THE SERVICES OF THESE SECURITY OFFICERS EVEN
24 AFTER WE KNEW WE WERE PLUGGING IN THE HOLES FROM THE 25 THAT



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1 DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR WORK. WE KNEW THAT. WE HAVE THE
2 INFORMATION.

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4 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** FOR THREE DAYS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT NONE OF THIS HAS
9 BEEN PRESENTED TO US IN CLOSED SESSION. NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN
10 PRESENTED TO US. I'M PRESENTING IT IN PUBLIC SESSION BECAUSE
11 IN CLOSED SESSION YOU WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT'S NOT PRESENTED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT TRUE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S MY ACCUSATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ASSERTED WITH SOME
18 CONSISTENCY WHICH HE HAS CONVENIENTLY CONTRADICTED AT A
19 CERTAIN POINT THAT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN CLOSED SESSION.
20 MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE DO SO PURSUANT TO COUNTY COUNSEL'S
21 SUGGESTION?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SUGGESTED THAT ABOUT A HALF HOUR AGO.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU DID. AND I'M HERE TO TRY TO REINFORCE
2 THAT. NOW MR. KALUNIAN, IT'S OKAY IF WE DO THIS IN CLOSED
3 SESSION?

4

5 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I AM NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING
6 LEGAL ADVICE IN PUBLIC.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES OR NO?

11

12 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.
15 ALL RIGHT. WE GET TO DO THIS AGAIN NEXT WEEK BECAUSE THE ITEM
16 WILL BE ON THE AGENDA.

17

18 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** WE GET TO DO IT ON CLOSED SESSION, TOO.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'LL TURN UP THE HEAT AGAIN. BY THE
21 TIME, IT'S GOING TO BE 90 DEGREES NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT.
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU STILL HAVE OTHER ITEMS?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS. AREN'T YOU HAPPY?

25 [LAUGHTER.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO COMMENT. I WANT TO DISCUSS THAT IN
3 CLOSED SESSION. NO, THAT WAS A JOKE. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.
4 THIRD DISTRICT? SECOND DISTRICT, EXCUSE ME. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS I PROCEED, MR.
8 YAROSLAVSKY MAKES A REQUEST OF YOU TO INTERRUPT ME. PERMISSION
9 GRANTED, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL CALL IT THE NEW KANYE WEST ACTION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DON'T EVEN TRY IT, BABY. DON'T EVEN GO
14 THERE. UH-UH. MY, MY, MY. WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU DID M.T.V.
15 [LAUGHTER.] YOU JUST HAD TO REVEAL YOURSELF ON THE AIR.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'D BE SURPRISED.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE SHOULD REFER THAT TO CLOSED
20 SESSION, TOO.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK SO, TOO. I THINK I'LL ABSENT
23 MYSELF. LET ME READ IN THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR.
24 CHAIRMAN. AND THIS IS CO-AUTHORED BY BOTH CHAIRMAN KNABE AND
25 MYSELF. IT'S THE IMPACT OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE 21ST



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1 CENTURY IN THE ECONOMY TAX PROPOSALS. YESTERDAY, THE
2 COMMISSION ON THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY, MADE PUBLIC PROPOSALS
3 INTENDED TO HELP REDUCE THE STATE'S DEPENDENCE ON INCOME TAX
4 REVENUE, INCLUDING A FLATTENED INCOME TAX AND A BUSINESS LEVY,
5 TO REPLACE EXISTING SALES IN CORPORATE TAXES. THE COMMISSION'S
6 FINAL REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED TO LAWMAKERS THIS
7 WEEKEND. THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REVIEW, ANALYZE AND
9 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29 ON THE
10 PROPOSALS MADE BY THE COMMISSION ON THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY
11 FOR THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT, IF ANY, ON THE COUNTY'S, FIRST,
12 REVENUE, SECOND, OPERATIONS, INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS ON
13 VENDORS, CONTRACTORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; THREE, EMPLOYEES;
14 AND, FINALLY, BUSINESS CLIMATE, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO
15 JOB CREATION, ATTRACTION AND RETENTION, SMALL BUSINESS
16 DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND IN POSITION ELIMINATION AND
17 REDUCTION OF INCREASE OF TAX EXPENDITURES, THAT IS TAX
18 CREDITS, EXCLUSIONS, EXEMPTIONS ON VARIOUS SECTORS. I SO MOVE.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. THE SECOND ITEM THAT
23 I WANT TO READ IN, AND OBVIOUSLY, MEMBERS, WE GET THE
24 SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. THE MORE WE KNOW HOW TO
25 APPROPRIATELY POSITION OURSELVES BASED ON COMMISSION



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BETTER WE CAN MANAGE THE RESOURCES FOR
2 WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. THE SECOND ITEM IS ENVIRONMENTAL
3 IMPACT ANALYSIS-- ALL RIGHT. THIS IS ITEM 30. AND THEN I WANT
4 TO PROCEED WITH THIS PARTICULAR MOTION.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE CALLING UP, WHAT? ITEM 30?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, SIR. 51, I'M SORRY.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SHOW IT 30.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM 51.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH. 51.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. IT'S COMING RIGHT NOW. PERHAPS THE
17 C.E.O. CAN PROCEED WITH THE REPORT ON ITEM 51 AND THERE IS A
18 MOTION I WISH TO READ IN, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHO IS GOING TO GIVE THE REPORT ON
21 ITEM 51?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I WILL, CHAIRMAN.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.



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SPEAKER: WE WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE IN ORDER FOR THE
M.L.K. PROJECTS, THE IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL AS WELL AS THE MULTI-
SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE TO
ENSURE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THE SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS
UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FINANCING
OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE WERE LOOKING TO EMPLOY FOR THE MULTI-
SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER. THE BONDS UNDER THE A.R.R.A.
DO HAVE AN ISSUANCE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2010. IN ORDER
TO MEET THAT DEADLINE FOR THE M.A.C.C., WE REVIEWED THE
SCHEDULE, FELT WE COULD MEET THE TIME REQUIREMENTS TO ISSUE
THE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, BUT BELIEVE WE NEED TO MOVE
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS. SO
IN TERMS OF CRITICAL PATH ITEMS, WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AS THE ITEM WE NEED TO MOVE
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY ON.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I?

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: YES.

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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: PURSUANT TO THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O.'S
OFFICE ON THIS MATTER, I WANT TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: THAT
BECAUSE ON THE EIGHTH, WE INSTRUCTED THE C.E.O. AND THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THEIR ACTIONS.
2 THAT HAS BEEN DONE REGARDING THE M.A.C.C. AND THE A.R.R.A.
3 BONDS MUST BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31. WE NOW KNOW
4 THAT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. FACTS CHECKED, DOUBLE CHECKED
5 AND ET CETERA. AND BASED UPON THE ANALYSIS THAT HAS BEEN DONE
6 BY D.P.W., THE BOARD I THINK SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THE
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
8 MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO
9 ENSURE TIMELY ISSUANCE OF THESE BONDS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT
10 WE INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE M.L.K.
12 M.A.C.C. AND A MASTER PLAN FOR THAT CAMPUS AS OUTLINED IN THE
13 AUGUST 18TH, 2009 C.E.O. BOARD LETTER. I SO MOVE, MR.
14 CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION?
17 OKAY. QUESTION?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PREAMBLE OF THE MOTION TALKS ABOUT THE
20 M.A.C.C. REPLACEMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION ITSELF SAYS THE
21 M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CAMPUS. CAN YOU TELL ME
22 WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WE PROPOSE TO PROCEED WITH THE E.I.R. ON THE TWO-TIER
25 BASIS, SUPERVISOR. THE FIRST TIER WOULD BE THE M.A.C.C.



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1 ITSELF. FOR THE NEW M.A.C.C., THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES WHAT
2 TO DO WITH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING, WHICH WOULD BE
3 SUBJECT TO A MASTER PLAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS. AND
4 THEY ARE LINKED BECAUSE OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND THE NEW
5 PROPOSED BUILDING.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE ACTION WE TOOK LAST MONTH ON THE
8 APPROVAL OF THE TERM SHEET FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD FOR IT,
9 ON THE U.C. AGREEMENT SAID THAT-- HAD A PROVISION THAT
10 EXPENDITURES WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL WE HAD A DEAL WITH THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK IT WAS COMPREHENSIVE. AND I
12 UNDERSTAND THE M.A.C.C. ISSUE. BUT THIS MASTER PLAN SUGGESTS
13 TO ME THAT IT ALSO INCLUDES THE NEW HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT
14 PROJECT, DOES IT NOT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THE HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS MOVING UNDER--
17 WOULD MOVE FORWARD UNDER AN EXEMPTION BECAUSE WE'RE WITHIN AN
18 EXISTING SHELVE-- UNDER AN EXISTING BUILDING.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. THE NEW M.A.C.C. DOES REQUIRE A NEW E.I.R.
23 BECAUSE IT IS AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING, NEW CONSTRUCTION. AND
24 THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH WE DESCRIBED IN THE AUGUST 18TH REPORT,
25 WAS FOR THE-- REALLY, TO BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE



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1 BOARD OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING THAT
2 WOULD BE VACATED IN FAVOR OF THE NEW BUILDING AND THE BALANCE
3 OF THE CAMPUS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BALANCE OF THE CAMPUS INCLUDES THE NEW
6 HOSPITAL? EXCEPT THAT'S EXEMPT, YOU SAY.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXEMPT.

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10 **SPEAKER:** THE NEW HOSPITAL WOULD ALREADY BE THERE. BUT IF WE
11 FIND, IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO ABANDON THE EXISTING HOSPITAL OR
12 DEMOLISH THE EXISTING M.A.C.C. BUILDING, PARDON ME, THEN YOU
13 HAVE A LARGE SPACE IN ORDER TO-- FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. I
14 MEAN, THAT'S A 500,000 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING IN THE EXISTING
15 M.A.C.C. SO THE MASTER PLAN, WHICH WAS CONTEMPLATED IN THE
16 AUGUST 18TH ACTION, DOES INCLUDE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
17 USE OF THAT AREA, WHICH SUPPORTS THE EXISTING M.A.C.C.
18 BUILDING RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
21 FOR THE MASTER PLAN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL REFLECT THE NEW
24 PROPOSED M.A.C.C. AND THE MASTER PLAN, AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE MASTER PLAN BEING DONE NOW?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THEY WILL MOVE CONCURRENTLY.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THE MASTER PLAN BEING DONE IN HOUSE
6 OR IS IT BEING DONE IN-HOUSE OR WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR?

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8 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR. WE WILL BE RELEASING AN
9 R.F.P. WHICH WE WILL BRING BACK TO THE BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT IT TO COME BACK TO THE
12 BOARD?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS IS AUTHORIZING ON THE MASTER PLAN
17 PIECE OF THIS, THIS IS AUTHORIZING, DOING AN E.I.R. ON
18 SOMETHING THAT IS STILL A COUPLE OF MONTHS AWAY FROM
19 COMMENCING?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THE MASTER PLAN ITSELF WILL COMMENCE IN THE FUTURE.
22 THE NEXT COMING TWO MONTHS OR SO. WE WOULD START THE E.I.R.
23 PORTION ON THE FIRST TIER WHICH IS THE PROPOSED M.A.C.C. COME
24 BACK TO THE BOARD, AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE MASTER PLAN, COME



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1 BACK AGAIN IN 2010 WITH THE E.I.R. AND THE MASTER PLAN
2 TOGETHER.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COME BACK IN 2010 WITH THE E.I.R. OR WITH
5 THE CONTRACT FOR THE E.I.R.?

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7 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL COME BACK IN TWO MONTHS WITH THE CONTRACT FOR
8 THE MASTER PLAN. THE AUGUST 18TH RECOMMENDATIONS

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU SAY CONTRACT FOR THE MASTER PLAN,
11 DO YOU MEAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR THE
12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THE FIRST FOR THE E.I.R., THE SECOND FOR THE MASTER
19 PLANNING FIRM. THE AUGUST 18TH RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED A
20 RECOMMENDATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
21 REPORT. THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WOULD ENTAIL THE NEW
22 M.A.C.C. AS WELL AS THE MASTER PLAN. WE'LL BE RETURNING TO THE
23 BOARD IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS WITH A FIRM RECOMMENDATION FOR
24 THE MASTER PLANNER, FOR THE MASTER CAMPUS PLAN. IN 2010, WE'LL
25 COME BACK WITH THE MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS AN



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1 E.I.R. WHICH COVERS BOTH THE NEW PROPOSED M.A.C.C. AND THE
2 MASTER CAMPUS PLAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF
9 THE ITEM. I THINK WE ALL HAVE AN INCREASING DEGREE OF
10 APPRECIATION FOR THE NEED FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
11 APPROPRIATE SPEED, FOR THE LACK OF A BETTER CHOICE OF WORDS.
12 IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE ARE TO MEET THE PROJECTED DATE OF A 2012
13 OPENING, THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR, 2012, WE CAN HARDLY
14 AFFORD DELAY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE TO RUSH IN A WAY
15 THAT IS IMPRUDENT, BUT THE REASON FOR LAST WEEK'S MOTION WAS
16 TO CAUSE THE STAFF BOTH IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COME BACK WITH A DELINEATION OF
18 THE DEADLINES THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR US TO TAKE
19 ADVANTAGE OF A.R.R.A. FUNDS, IN PART. SO THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT
20 DEADLINE. BUT THE OTHER DEADLINE THAT I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE
21 MINDFUL OF IS THAT OF MAKING SURE THAT WE DELIVER A PROJECT ON
22 TIME PURSUANT TO OUR COMMITMENT. AND SO I THINK WE ARE WELL
23 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRUDENCE AS WELL AS PROPRIETY AS IT
24 RELATES TO MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF THE
25 PUZZLE AND THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WHY?



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1 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING RESOURCES AND
2 BUILDING SMART. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT AND DO IT
3 INCREASINGLY IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY SO THAT WE ARE ULTIMATELY
4 SEEN AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS THAT ARE AT OUR
5 DISPOSAL. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, PROVIDING IN A MORE
6 AGGRESSIVE WAY QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH I KNOW IS THE
7 FULL INTENT OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. MR. CHAIRMAN, I
8 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THESE COMMENTS AND HOPE
9 THAT WE CAN DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
12 ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND MY FINAL ITEM, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN, IS REGARDING A MATTER THAT ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED
16 ABOUT. AND IT WAS ON MAY THE 20TH OF LAST YEAR THAT THE BOARD
17 CONSIDERED AN ISSUE THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF JUVENILE
18 PROBATIONERS-- MR. CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS THE SERGEANT CAN HELP
19 LOWER THE VOLUME IN THE ROOM SO THAT ALL OF US CAN HEAR EACH
20 OTHER.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. WHEATCROFT?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE PROBATIONERS WERE
25 ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE AFTER BEING PLACED IN GROUP HOMES BY THE



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1 PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF. THE RATE OF A.W.O.L. MINORS FOR
2 SUCH PLACEMENT WAS THEN THOUGHT TO BE AT AN UNPRECEDENTED, OR
3 LET US SAY AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL. THE BOARD WAS ALSO CONCERNED
4 THAT MINORS WHO WERE A.W.O.L. POSED A SAFETY RISK TO
5 THEMSELVES AS WAS ILLUSTRATED BY A MINOR WHO WAS FOUND DEAD ON
6 THE EIGHTH OF MAY OF LAST YEAR WHILE A.W.O.L. FOR 10 DAYS FROM
7 A SUITABLE PLACEMENT ORDER. THE BOARD WAS FURTHER CONCERNED
8 THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DID NOT ESTABLISH A DEDICATED
9 UNIT TO CONSISTENTLY LOCATE MINORS WHO WERE ON A.W.O.L. STATUS
10 FROM GROUP HOMES OR WHO WERE ON BENCH WARRANT STATUS IN THE
11 COMMUNITY. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY
12 ADOPTED A MOTION TO EXAMINE THOSE ABOVE STATED ISSUES. THE
13 BOARD DIRECTED THE C.E.O. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHIEF
14 PROBATION OFFICE TO ACCOMPLISH SEVERAL THINGS: CONDUCT A
15 COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF EXISTING A.W.O.L. POLICY. SECONDLY
16 TO WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY--
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF THE
18 EXISTING D.C.F.S. RUN AWAY ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM POLICY
19 SERVICES; TO INSTRUCT STREET C.E.O. TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH
20 COUNTY COUNSEL THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
21 THE CORONER AND THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND
22 NEGLECT TO INCORPORATE AND REPLICATE D.C.F.S.'S PROCESSES AND
23 NOTIFICATION REGARDING DEATHS AND THE LIKE. THE PROBATION
24 DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, HAS SINCE IMPLEMENTED
25 THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS EFFORT, PROBATION CASE MANAGEMENT



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1 SYSTEM, P.C.M.S., WHICH CONSOLIDATE A NUMBER OF DATABASES AND
2 THE LIKE. THIS WORK AT THIS POINT IS INCOMPLETE. AND, YET, WE
3 HAVE CONTINUED ISSUES OF CONCERN. MAY I THEN MOVE THAT WE
4 INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CONCERT WITH THE
5 DEVELOPMENT OF-- IN CONCERT WITH THE CHIEF OF THE PROBATION
6 DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS
7 TO DO THE FOLLOWING: A STATUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT'S CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE ABILITY TO TRACK
9 A.W.O.L.S AND BENCH WARRANTS THROUGH THIS NEW SYSTEM.
10 ADDITIONALLY, WHAT ABOUT UTILIZING THE DATA FROM THE NEW
11 SYSTEM, SUMMARY REPORTS CAN IN FACT BE GENERATED FOR THE
12 BOARD'S INFORMATION AND REVIEW. THIRDLY, WHETHER BY UTILIZING
13 DATA FROM P.C.M.S., DETAILED REPORTS CAN BE GENERATED TO
14 IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF YOUTH ON BENCH WARRANTS. AND, FINALLY,
15 IN ADDITION TO ANOTHER POINT THAT MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WE DIRECT
16 THE LEAD ATTORNEY WITH CHILDREN'S SPECIAL UNIT TO INCLUDE IN
17 HER CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO THE BOARD THE RESULTS OF AN
18 INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF LASHAWN S., A CHILD UNDER THE
19 JURISDICTION OF THE C.F.S. PURSUANT TO THE MOTION APPROVED BY
20 THE BOARD ON AUGUST 18TH AND TO INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION
21 CONCERNING ALL POSSIBLE CONTACT THIS CHILD MAY HAVE HAD WITH
22 PROBATION AND/OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IN YOUR INTERPRETATION OF-- I
25 MEAN--



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** REPORT BACK.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. BUT ALSO THAT THESE CASES
5 BE REPORTED IN CLOSED SESSION?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY, CONSISTENT WITH THE ORDINARY
8 PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE THAT THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, WHO WE
9 JUST PUT INTO PLACE, WOULD FOLLOW HER ORDINARY PROCEDURE BUT
10 ADD THIS TO THEIR LIST.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE WE OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN?

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST-- OBVIOUSLY I THINK THE IMPORTANT
17 PART OF THESE IS, WE CAN'T LET THESE INVESTIGATIONS BE DRIVEN
18 BY THE MEDIA.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. ABSOLUTELY.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THAT'S A REPORT BACK. SO WE CAN
23 ACT ON THAT TODAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** YES. REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND FINALLY ITEM NO. 25 IS THE
6 NORMANDIE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT, MR. CHAIRMAN? IT'S A 62-UNIT
7 MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL DEVELOPMENT. THREE-STORY APARTMENT
8 BUILDING COMPRISED OF 55 ONE-BEDROOM UNITS AND 7 TWO-BEDROOM
9 UNITS. I WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING PROJECT. IT
10 PROMOTED URBAN INFILL AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT. THE UNITS
11 THEMSELVES WILL BE RESERVED FOR SENIORS AT VARIOUS LOW INCOME
12 LEVELS, INCLUDING THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE IT EMINENTLY
13 AFFORDABLE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE WEST ACTON COMMUNITY. I'D
14 LIKE TO COMMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THEIR PROGRESSIVE
15 EFFORTS IN PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
16 COLLEAGUES, THAT CREATES AN APPROPRIATE FINANCING STRUCTURE
17 AND INCENTIVES TO MEET A PRESSING NEED, A CLEARLY PRESSING
18 NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR OUR LOW INCOME POPULATION. AND
19 THIS WILL STAND AS A HIGH MARK, A HIGH WATER MARK, THAT IS, IN
20 TERMS OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPING SUCH
21 PROJECTS. AND I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH OUR CALLING IT FORWARD SO
22 THAT WE CAN GIVE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THOSE
23 DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY FAMILY THAT WHEN THEY DO THEIR WORK
24 AND DO IT WELL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ARE YOU MOVING THE ITEM?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. PER YOUR REQUEST AND INSTRUCTIONS,
4 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO MOVED. THE CHAIR WILL
7 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IF YOU WOULD INDICATE IF IT'S TIME?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S TIME. DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I BEGIN WITH ALVIN "SKIP"
18 MILLER. SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED, BORN IN
19 THE NORTHEAST, THE BRONX IN 1946. MR. MILLER GRADUATED FROM
20 OSTRAND UNIVERSITY AND WAS DRAFTED BY THE OAKLAND RAIDERS. HE
21 WAS CALLED TO SERVE IN THE VIETNAM WAR BEFORE PLAYING FOR THE
22 RAIDERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY PURSUED A MUSIC CAREER IN THE GREAT
23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHERE HE ULTIMATELY BECAME PRESIDENT OF
24 MOTOWN RECORDS. MR. MILLER SERVED ON THE AMERICAN CANCER
25 SOCIETY, ON THE RECORDING ACADEMY BOARDS, ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED



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1 FOR PROJECT ANGEL FOOD AND WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE ST.
2 AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
3 COMPASSION, HIS NURTURING SPIRIT AND HIS GREAT MENTORSHIP. HE
4 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE KAREN, HIS SONS JUSTIN
5 AND DOMINIQUE, HIS MOTHER SYBIL, HIS BROTHERS, JAY AND
6 MICHAEL, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IRVING L. TAYLOR,
7 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CARSON, BORN IN 1923. MR.
8 TAYLOR WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR SOME 32 YEARS BEFORE HIS
9 RETIREMENT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE COUNTY MECHANICAL
10 DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY KNOWN AS INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AS
11 A SECURITY GUARD, HE SERVED AS A GUARD FOR THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF
12 THE BUILDING HERE AND LATER BECAME THE DRIVER FOR THE LATE
13 KENNETH HAHN UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1985.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO BE--

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS WIFE
18 RUBY, JOYCE TAYLOR, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND I'M
19 DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNING MOTION.
20 AND FINALLY ONE OF GREAT NOTE TO ALL OF US. GERTRUDE BANES,
21 HISTORY MAKER. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL IT WAS JUST A FEW MONTHS
22 AGO THAT I HAD THE OCCASION OF VISITING HER AS SHE CELEBRATED
23 HER 115TH BIRTHDAY. SHE PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 9. SHE WAS MOST
24 RECENTLY NOTED AS THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON. SHE WAS BORN IN
25 SHELMAN, GEORGIA, ON APRIL THE FOURTH, 1894. AND SHE SAW THE



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1 MANY CHANGES THAT THE WORLD HAD UNDERGONE OVER THE LAST
2 CENTURY. AND SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN A NUMBER OF THOSE EVENTS,
3 NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS THE OCCASION ON WHICH SHE COULD
4 VOTE FOR BARACK OBAMA AS PRESIDENT. AND AFTER BEING BORN AT A
5 TIME WHEN CITIZENS OF HER DEMOGRAPHIC COULD NOT DO SO, THIS
6 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT IN HER LIFE. AFTER LIVING IN OHIO
7 FOR A TIME AND WORKING AS A MAID AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,
8 SHE SETTLED IN CALIFORNIA WHERE SHE LIVED FOR THE REST OF HER
9 LIFE. SHE LIVED IN THE WESTERN CONVALESCENT HOME IN THE SECOND
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ON ADAMS BOULEVARD. AND THERE FROM THE
11 AGE OF 107 UNTIL HER PASSING JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. MR. CHAIRMAN
12 AND COLLEAGUES, GERTRUDE BANES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST OF
18 ALL, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. ALFRED
19 GOTTSCHALK DR. GOTTSCHALK, WAS A LEADER OF REFORMED JUDAISM
20 WHO ORDAINED THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN RABBI AND HEADED THE
21 HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION FOR THREE
22 DECADES. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY IN CINCINNATI AT THE AGE OF
23 79. HE WAS AN ESCAPEE OF THE HOLOCAUST. CAME TO THIS COUNTRY.
24 HELPED FOUND THE JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION. EXPANDED IT TO
25 HAVE CAMPUSES IN LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK AND JERUSALEM, AND



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1 HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON REFORMED JUDAISM AND JEWISH LIFE IN
2 THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD. SPENT QUITE A BIT OF
3 TIME HERE IN LOS ANGELES WHEN HE HEADED UP THE HEBREW UNION
4 COLLEGE U.S.C. CAMPUS WHICH HE HELPED ESTABLISH AT THAT
5 LOCATION. AND HE WAS A GENUINELY GOOD HUMAN BEING. HE PASSED
6 AWAY AT TOO YOUNG AN AGE. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 LARRY GELBART, DIED A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, THE AWARD-WINNING
8 COMEDY WRITER WHO CREATED THE T.V. SERIES "M.A.S.H." CO-WROTE
9 THE BOOK FOR THE BROADWAY HIT MUSICAL, "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
10 ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM CO-WROTE THE FILM "TOOTSIE," AMONG
11 MANY OTHERS. DIED IN BEVERLY HILLS AT THE AGE OF 81 AFTER A
12 SHORT BATTLE WITH CANCER. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
13 J. LLOYD JACOBS SR., A LONG TIME BUSINESS OWNER IN SANTA
14 MONICA AND VENICE. DIED AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS A 46-YEAR
15 RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA AND A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF SANTA
16 MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST.
17 ANNE'S MELKITE CHURCH IN EL SEGUNDO. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY
18 DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
19 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, INVOLVED WITH THE SANTA MONICA
20 KIWANIS CLUB, SANTA MONICA ELKS AMONG OTHERS AND HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS SON EDDIE AND HIS SON LLOYD JACOBS, JR. BY THE
22 WAY, ALFRED GOTTSCHALK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DEANA
23 GOTTSCHALK, HIS SON MARK GOTTSCHALK AND DAUGHTER RACHEL
24 BRENNER, AND STEPSONS CHARLES FRANK AND ANDREW FRANK. AND
25 LARRY GELBART IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PAT GELBART, HIS SON



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1 ADAM GELBART AND HIS DAUGHTER BECKY GELBART AND HIS
2 STEPCHILDREN, GARY AND PAUL MARKOWITZ. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF ALBERT GORDON, AN ATTORNEY WHO CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE
4 OF GAY RIGHTS BY SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGING DISCRIMINATORY
5 PRACTICES AND LAWS IN CALIFORNIA, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 94.
6 HE WAS BORN IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA BUT WAS RAISED HERE IN
7 LOS ANGELES WHERE HIS FAMILY HAD MOVED WHEN HE WAS STILL AN
8 INFANT. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN EFFICIENCY ENGINEER WITH
9 LOCKHEED, BUT AFTER BEING FIRED FOR PRO UNION ACTIVITIES
10 LAUNCHED A JANITORIAL SERVICE AND RAN IT WITH HIS WIFE OF 15
11 YEARS BEFORE CHANGING CAREERS AGAIN IN HIS LATE 40S AND
12 BECOMING A LAWYER. HE'S A PARENT OF TWIN GAY SONS. HE
13 EVENTUALLY TOOK UP THE CAUSE OF GAY RIGHTS AS A RESULT OF
14 PAINFUL PERSONAL AWAKENING AFTER ONE OF HIS TWIN SONS WAS
15 ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH SOLICITATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
16 SECOND WIFE PEARL AND ONE SON HAROLD. GEORGE PLAT, A LONG TIME
17 RESIDENT OF STUDIO CITY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
18 89 AFTER A LENGTHY STRUGGLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. BORN IN
19 NEW YORK, HE EARNED A CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM THE
20 CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK AND TOOK A JOB AT EDWARDS ARSENAL
21 BEFORE BEING RECRUITED IN WORLD WAR II FOR THE MANHATTAN
22 PROJECT IN OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE. AFTER THE WAR HE RELOCATED
23 WITH HIS FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES WHERE HE JOINED BECHTEL
24 CORPORATION, WORKING ON SAN ONOFRE AND OTHER POWER PLANTS AND
25 BECOMING A RESPECTED CHEMICAL AND INSTRUMENT ENGINEER UNTIL



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1 RETIRING IN 1985. HE CHAIRED THE INSTRUMENT SOCIETY OF
2 AMERICA'S STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMITTEE AND WROTE SEVERAL
3 ENGINEERING BOOKS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SARAH, THREE
4 CHILDREN, DONALD, JUDITH AND JANE, THREE GRANDCHILDREN,
5 MELISSA, STEVEN AND AVIANA. FINALLY ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
6 ARMY ARCHERD, LONG-TIME DAILY ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST FOR MORE
7 THAN 50 YEARS WHOSE NUMEROUS CELEBRITY SCOOPS INCLUDED-- WELL,
8 I WON'T GO INTO ALL OF THEM. JUST SAY HE HAD A LOT OF SCOOPS.
9 BECAME VERY WELL KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS ONE OF THE
10 PRE-EMINENT INTERVIEWERS OF THE RED CARPET AT THE VARIOUS
11 AWARD CEREMONIES. IN 1945, AFTER WORLD WAR II, A.P.
12 ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER BOB THOMAS GAVE ARMY ARCHERD HIS FIRST
13 PROFESSIONAL BREAK, HIRING HIM AS A LEG MAN TO GET HIM
14 MATERIAL FOR THOMAS' COLUMN. AND THE REST IS HISTORY. HE WAS A
15 CONSTITUENT OF MINE FOR 34 YEARS. LIVED IN WESTWOOD. AND HE
16 WILL BE MISSED BY HIS INDUSTRY, WITHOUT QUESTION. MR. ARCHERD
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SELMA, SON EVAN AND TWO STEPSONS,
18 RICHARD ROSENBLUM AND JAMES ROSENBLUM AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,
19 AND A DAUGHTER, MANDY VOLK, PREDECEASED HIM. ALL MEMBERS.
20 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. OH, ONE MORE, MR. CHAIRMAN.
21 WE ALL LEARNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OF THE PASSING OF PATRICK
22 SWAYZE. GREAT ACTOR AND CLASSICALLY TRAINED DANCER WHOSE ROLE
23 IN THE ENDURINGLY POPULAR REALLY WONDERFUL MOVIE "DIRTY
24 DANCING" MADE HIM A MOVIE STAR, ONE WHO STRUGGLED WITH
25 ALIENATION, OF FAME AND AGAINST BEING TYPE CASTED A LEADING



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1 MAN FOR ALL OF HIS MANY YEARS, SEVERAL DECADES IN THE MOVIE
2 INDUSTRY. HE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 57 FOLLOWING
3 A BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE IN
4 "DIRTY DANCING", HE WAS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN IN HIS LEADING
5 ROLES IN "GHOST" AND "ROADHOUSE". OF COURSE HE HAD MANY OTHER
6 ROLES, AS WELL IN MOVIES AND IN TELEVISION. I ASK THAT ALL
7 MEMBERS ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I'LL BEGIN
10 WITH SAYING ALL MEMBERS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON, MR. CHAIR, I'M SORRY. GIVE ME ONE
13 SECOND HERE. OH, YES, THANK YOU. I HELD ITEM 12. WHAT I WANTED
14 TO DO WAS TO SEPARATE OUT THE REAL ESTATE PORTIONS OF THESE
15 EXTENSIONS AND CONTINUE THEM ONE WEEK. THE REAL ESTATE
16 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION IS MEETING TOMORROW. AND I THINK AT THE
17 SUGGESTION OF SOME FOLKS AT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE,
18 I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE WHAT'S IT CALLED, THE REAL
19 ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SAVINGS
20 BEING PROJECTED FOR THESE CONTRACTS, THESE LEASES TO SEE HOW
21 THEY FARE IN THE MARKETPLACE. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE PORTION
22 OF THIS ITEM 12 THAT DEALS WITH THE REAL ESTATE LEASES BE
23 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK AND ASK TO IMMEDIATELY GET THE MESSAGE
24 TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION WHICH MEETS TOMORROW TO TAKE A



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1 LOOK AT THIS AND EVALUATE IT. I DON'T THINK IT DOES ANY DAMAGE
2 TO ANYBODY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THAT ITEM I'LL SECOND THAT
5 PIECE. WE WILL CONTINUE THE REAL ESTATE PIECE FOR ONE WEEK,
6 APPROVE THE OTHERS. SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE.
9 THAT'S IT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MEMBERS, I WOULD ASK THAT ALL
12 MEMBERS JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNMENT IN THE MEMORY OF A GOOD
13 FRIEND, LONG TIME FRIEND, FRANK VICENCIA, FORMER SPEAKER PRO
14 TEM OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, LONG TIME ARTESIA AND
15 BELLFLOWER RESIDENT PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF
16 78 AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. FRANK WAS BORN IN ARTESIA IN
17 1931 AND SERVED IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. IN 1957 HE
18 ESTABLISHED A DAIRY SUPPLY BUSINESS. AND IN 1964 BECAME
19 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCERS' COUNCIL. IN
20 1967 FRANK BECAME A LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SEVERAL
21 CLIENTS INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCERS, SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND THE CALIFORNIA
23 THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION. IN 1974 HE WAS ELECTED TO
24 THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE 54TH
25 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. HE WAS RE-ELECTED TO SIX CONSECUTIVE TERMS



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1 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1986. IN 1982, HE WAS UNANIMOUSLY
2 ELECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES TO THE POSITION OF SPEAKER PRO TEM.
3 FRANK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LILLY, HIS CHILDREN STEVE,
4 MICHELLE, JONDEL, DAVID MICHAEL AND LAURA AND GRANDCHILDREN.
5 GREAT GUY. ALL MEMBERS. YEP. GREAT GUY. GREAT FRIEND. HE WILL
6 BE MISSED BY ALL OF US. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELROSE
7 LAPLANTE, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HER HOME IN DOWNEY AT THE
8 AGE OF 90 ON SEPTEMBER 7TH. SHE GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS
9 HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED FOR MANY DIFFERENT
10 BUSINESSES OVER THE YEARS, RETIRING FROM THE STEVEDORE
11 SERVICES OF AMERICA IN 1990. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF DONALD
12 LAPLANTE, A BOARD MEMBER OF DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
13 SURVIVED BY HER SON DONALD SANDERS, SON IN LAW JEFFREY AND
14 GRANDSON SCOTT. FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY NELL
15 LAWRENCE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH PASSED AWAY
16 RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 64. SHE MOVED TO LONG BEACH IN
17 1969 AND RAISED HER FAMILY WITH HER LATE HUSBAND DYMUS. SHE
18 WAS A GRADUATE OF LONG BEACH CITY AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH. A
19 REALTOR WITH COLDWELL BANKER. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH MANY
20 ORGANIZATIONS IN LONG BEACH, THE CHILDREN'S CIRCLE OF CARE AT
21 ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, LONG BEACH DAY NURSERY AND THE
22 N.A.A.C.P., TO NAME A FEW. ENJOYED SPENDING HER TIME WITH
23 FAMILY, TRAVELING, PAINTING, READING, COOKING, PLAYING "BUNCO"
24 AND LISTENING TO JAZZ. SHE WILL BE MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
25 HER MOTHER CORNELIA, THREE SONS, MICHAEL, BRIAN AND GREGORY,



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1 SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN SIBLINGS. THAT'S SO ORDERED. I
2 DON'T THINK I HELD ANYTHING. DID I? ALL RIGHT. SO IF YOU GIVE
3 ME THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE PUBLIC, PROBABLY MR.
4 SACHS? PARDON ME? I KNOW. I'M GOING TO CALL YOU NEXT. I WANT
5 TO CALL ARNOLD SACHS S-1, 2-D, 1, 9, 27 AND 49. OKAY. GO
6 AHEAD, MR. SACHS. YOU HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. ARNOLD SACHS. S-1, YOU'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THE
10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET. AND I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS
11 REGARDING THAT. I SEEM TO RECALL, THIS IS A WHILE AGO, WHEN
12 M.L.K. WAS STILL OPEN, I BELIEVE, AND THERE WAS DISCUSSION
13 INITIATED I BELIEVE BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA REGARDING THE
14 HOSPITAL-- THE COST OF THE HOSPITAL BED FOR M.L.K. VERSUS THE
15 COST OF THE OTHER FOUR COUNTY FACILITIES. AND THE HARBOR
16 U.C.L.A., COUNTY+U.S.C., HIGH COUNTY HOSPITAL AND RANCHO LOS
17 AMIGOS. THE COST SEEMED TO RANGE ANYWHERE FROM I BELIEVE IT
18 WAS 350 TO ABOUT \$500 PATIENT BED. YET THE COST FOR M.L.K.
19 HOSPITAL WAS ALMOST \$900 OR A LITTLE OVER \$900. SO I BELIEVE,
20 MAYBE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE. MY QUESTION WOULD
21 BE REGARDING THAT: HAS THAT BEEN ANY KIND OF COMPARISON WORK
22 BEEN DONE ON THAT TO TRY TO COME TO A CONCLUSION OR COME TO A
23 REASONING BEHIND THE DISCREPANCY IN THE COST? BECAUSE THAT IS
24 A DIRECT INPUT ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET. THAT BEING
25 SAID, WHEN YOU DISCUSSED THE REOPENING, THE POSSIBILITY OF THE



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1 REOPENING OF THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL, I BELIEVE C.E.O., MR.
2 FUJIOKA MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO INPUT ALMOST
3 \$135 MILLION FOR THE OPENING AND IT WOULDN'T COST THE U.C.
4 SYSTEM ANY MONEY AT ALL. WITH THAT PLUS THE FACT THAT AT ONE
5 TIME THE COUNTY U.S.C-- NOT COUNTY U.S. C.-- M.L.K. HOSPITAL
6 WAS GETTING \$300 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE
7 HOSPITAL IS GOING TO REOPEN HALF THE SIZE, 240 DOWN TO 120
8 BEDS. SO, AGAIN, ANOTHER COST ANALYSIS THING OR ITEM. WAS THE
9 TOTAL BUDGET FOR RUNNING M.L.K .APPROXIMATELY \$435 MILLION?
10 WAS THE COUNTY ALWAYS PUTTING IN \$135 MILLION WITH THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT PUTTING IN 300 MILLION? OR IS THIS \$135 MILLION A
12 NEW AMOUNT? IF YOU LOOK AT THE HOSPITAL BEING HALF THE SIZE,
13 WHAT WOULD THE BUDGET-- HOW WOULD THE BUDGETARY NUMBERS WORK
14 OUT WITH THE SIZE OF THE HOSPITAL? IF YOU LOOK AT IT AND SAY
15 WELL LET'S SAY THE COSTING \$4 \$400 MILLION, HALF THAT WOULD BE
16 \$200 MILLION. SO \$135 MILLION GIVES YOU \$65 MILLION BUDGET
17 WHOLE. THAT'S S-1. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THREE MINUTES ON
20 2-D AND 47 AND 49 THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY I AM, TODAY.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ARE A SPECIAL KIND OF GUY, SIR. THANK YOU.
23 2-D, I KNOW YOU HELD ITEM 19, CONTINUED IT FOR TWO WEEKS BUT
24 I'M JUST CONCERNED. YOU HAVE A HOMELESS PREVENTION RAPID
25 REHOUSING PROJECT AND THEN YOU HAVE ITEM 19, A HOMELESS SOCIAL



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1 SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT SECURITY INCOME
2 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. WHEN DID THE BEHOOVING TO HAVE THE
3 HOMELESS PREVENTION RAPID REHOUSING PROJECT ALSO INCUR THE
4 PROCESS OF TRYING TO STEP UP THIS HOMELESS SOCIAL SECURITY
5 DISABILITY PROJECT? WOULDN'T THAT BE BETTER SERVED INSTEAD OF-
6 - IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE INITIATING A NEW AGENCY TO REDO AN OLD
7 PROBLEM. ITEM NO. 1, COMMISSION FOR-- ASSIGNMENT FOR THE
8 COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND AGAIN I
9 WOULD REITERATE WITH THAT SITUATION STUFF THAT WAS BROUGHT UP
10 HERE AT A MEETING I BELIEVE IT WAS THREE WEEKS AGO WHERE
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID THAT WHEN QUESTIONING THE HEAD OF
12 THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT WEREN'T PROFICIENT ON THE SYSTEM THAT WAS BEING
14 INITIATED OR BEING USED BY CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN AN
15 ATTEMPT TO INTERFACE INFORMATION. SO I WOULD ASK THAT THE
16 COMMISSION MAKE SURE THAT'S A PRIORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AND
17 ALSO ALL THE AGENCIES THAT INTERFACE IN THAT COMMISSION ALSO
18 USE THE PROPER TECHNIQUES TO INPUT THEIR INFORMATION SO THAT
19 IT'S AVAILABLE. ITEM NO. 9 REFERS TO A LETTER THAT YOU WANT TO
20 SEND TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING FOSTER
21 YOUTH IDENTITY THEFT AND THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A.
22 TIMES I BELIEVE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO REGARDING FOSTER YOUTH. AND
23 MAYBE YOU COULD EXTEND OR ENCOMPASS WHAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT
24 THAT ARTICLE THAT FOSTER YOUTH WHEN THEY TURN 18, A LOT OF THE
25 YOUTH ARE JUST PUT OUT ONTO THE STREET. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY



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1 HAVE ALL THE ADEQUATE PAPERWORK THAT THEY NEED, SUCH AS
2 IDENTIFICATION, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, MAYBE AN OPPORTUNITY
3 FOR THEM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS. THEY ARE JUST
4 RELEASED OUT OF THE SYSTEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ALREADY MADE THAT REQUEST.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP. THANK YOU, SIR. ITEM 27,
9 YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HEARD, THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR HERE
10 COULD GO FOR 28 AND 26, BUT THE CITY OF L.A. HAS RECENTLY
11 ENACTED A NEW-- TRYING, SO WHAT-- TO IMPROVE THEIR ORDINANCE
12 REGARDING THEIR LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. AND I'M WONDERING: ARE
13 THESE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS THAT THE COUNTY IS SIGNING UP
14 FOR, WILL THEY-- ARE THEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A COUNTY
15 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DOES THE COUNTY FORESEE INCREASING THAT
20 ORDINANCE? THE CITY SAID THAT THEY FIND THAT \$1.25, WHICH IS
21 RIDICULOUS, IS NOT ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR HEALTHCARE, THAT
22 THEY WANT TO HAVE INCREASE ONLY FOR A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE
23 UNDER THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, THEY WANT TO INCREASE THEIR
24 PAY BY \$3.50 TO 14.50 AND THE WAY PROCESS THEY ARE GOING TO DO
25 THIS IS THEY HOPE TO HAVE THE AIRLINES INCREASE THE COST OF A



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1 TICKET BY A QUARTER, WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS TO HAVING
2 AN OUTSIDE AGENCY--

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 49, IF YOU ADDRESS IT QUICKLY, PLEASE.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 49, BOND ISSUANCE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE
7 L.A. TIMES REGARDING CITY-ISSUED BONDS FOR L.A.U.S.D. THAT IF
8 THE BONDS DON'T REACH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY,
9 THIS L.A.U.S.D. AND THE CITY CAN RE-NEGOTIATE THE COST ON THE
10 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT
11 THEY EXPECT TO GENERATE AND WHAT IS GENERATED. WILL THAT BE
12 UNDER THE SAME PART OF THE SAME PROGRAM OR ARE THESE BONDS
13 BEING ISSUED BY THE COUNTY? IF THEY DON'T MEET THE REQUIRED--

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE DOING THEM ON BEHALF OF THE LONG
16 BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEIR REQUEST, WE ISSUED THE
17 BONDS.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IF THEY DON'T REACH THE AMOUNT, WILL THEY BE
20 ABLE TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE PROPERTY TAXES TO MAKE UP THE
21 DIFFERENCE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 2-D, 1, 9, 27 AND 49
3 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. S-1 WE HAVE
5 OTHER SPEAKERS IS THERE A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT? OR IS
6 THAT JUST A RECEIVE AND FILE? ARCELIA LOPEZ, SANDY FRIEND AND
7 ALFRED THOMPSON COME FORWARD, PLEASE. GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY
8 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** I'M ALFRED THOMPSON.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED THREE AND FOUR SHOWED UP. AM I
13 MISSING ONE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OH, I'M HERE AS A RESOURCE. KATARINA DEL VALLE-
16 THOMPSON, I'M DIRECTOR OF REGISTERED NURSES FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL
17 721.

18

19 **SANDY FRIEND:** SANDY FRIEND, HARBOR U.C.L.A., REGISTERED NURSE.

20

21 **ARCELIA LOPEZ:** ARCELIA LOPEZ, REGISTERED NURSE, EMERGENCY
22 ROOM. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. THOMPSON?

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1 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT
2 I'M A REGISTERED NURSE OF L.A. COUNTY FOR 27 YEARS. I WORK IN
3 LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION. AND I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF A
4 REGISTERED NURSES' BARGAINING TABLE 311. AND WE'RE NOT HERE
5 BECAUSE WE'RE IN BARGAINING. WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR
6 CONCERNS AS PATIENTS' ADVOCATES FOR SAFE AND QUALITY CARE. MY
7 COLLEAGUES HERE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT A TYPICAL DAY IS LIKE
8 WORKING IN OUR ACUTE CARE FACILITIES. WE REACHED OUT, HUNDREDS
9 OF NURSES CALLED THE C.E.O. IN EARLY AUGUST TO LET THEM KNOW
10 THAT IT WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO BARGAIN ALL THE PATIENT CARE
11 ISSUES THAT WE HAVE DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SO WE'RE HERE
12 TO EXPRESS SOME OF THE NEEDS. LAST WEEK, THE STATE LICENSING
13 VISITED TWO OF OUR ACUTE CARE FACILITIES. THE REGISTERED
14 NURSES OF THOSE FACILITIES WOULD PREFER TO WORK THE PROBLEMS
15 OUT WITH NURSING MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO THEM BECOMING PROBLEMS.
16 WE'D LIKE TO PREVENT THOSE THINGS FROM OCCURRING. WE FEEL THAT
17 AT THE TABLE, WE DO HAVE THE RIGHT INDIVIDUALS, NURSING
18 DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT MANAGERS, THE C.E.O., AND A FEW OF THE
19 THINGS THAT IMPACT OUR CARE, WE FEEL THAT WE DO HAVE SOLUTIONS
20 THAT WILL SAVE L.A. COUNTY IN THE LONG RUN. WE CAN DELIVER
21 BETTER CARE, SMARTER PATIENT CARE. IN OUR ACUTE CARE
22 HOSPITALS, WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MINIMIZE THE R.N.
23 RATIOS FOR ACUTE-- FOR PATIENT ACUITY. WE'RE NOT JUST SAYING
24 FOR STAFFING FOR PATIENT ACUITY NOT JUST RATIOS. WHAT WE NEED
25 IS RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF REGISTERED NURSE WHEN STAFFING IS



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1 UNSAFE, NURSES TO BE SELECTED 50 PERCENT FROM THE DIRECT CARE
2 S.E.I.U. NURSES. THE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CRITICAL CARE, E.R.
3 AND O.R. NURSES IS NECESSARY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DRAW FROM.
4 WE WOULD LIKE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS. YEAH, WE
5 WOULD LIKE TO NOTICE REGISTERED NURSES, FOR THEM TO BE
6 NOTIFIED ON CONFIRMATION OF WHEN THEY'RE EXPOSED TO DISEASES.
7 I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

10

11 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** YES. AND I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES SAY.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SANDY FRIEND:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AS I STATED MY NAME
16 IS SANDY FRIEND. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.
17 MEDICAL CENTER WORKING ON A MEDICAL SURGICAL FLOOR. NEXT MONTH
18 WILL BE MY 16TH YEAR WITH THE COUNTY AS A REGISTERED NURSE.
19 I'D LIKE TO STATE FIRST I'M VERY COMPASSIONATE ABOUT BEING AN
20 ADVOCATE TO OUR PATIENTS AND MAKE SURE WE'RE DELIVERING THE
21 BEST CARE AND SAFE CARE TO OUR PATIENTS. AND AT THE SAME TIME,
22 MAKING SURE THAT ALL R.N.S THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S LICENSES
23 ARE PROTECTED. ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA TITLE 22, A MEDICAL
24 SURGICAL NURSE RATIO IS 1-5. I WANT TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S
25 ATTENTION TODAY THAT WE ARE IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA TITLE



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1 22. MY GREAT CONCERN AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. ARE SHORT STAFFS
2 DURING BREAK OR LUNCH TIMES. THE R.N.S ARE COVERING UP TO 15
3 TO 20 PATIENTS DURING A BREAK THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR.
4 AND HOW THIS ADDS UP IS AN R.N. WILL HAVE FIVE PATIENTS. THEN
5 WE'VE GOT THE L.V.N. BELOW HER THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE. SO I
6 MIGHT HAVE THREE. MY OTHER ASSISTANT, MY OTHER R.N. GOES TO
7 BREAK. I HAVE HER FIVE AND HER TWO OR THREE AND SOMETIMES
8 MORE. SO DURING A BREAK TIME, I HAVE 15 PATIENTS. AND
9 SOMETIMES A LITTLE MORE THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND THAT IS
10 NOT SAFE. I CANNOT DELIVER SAFE CARE TO THESE PATIENTS. I
11 CANNOT DELIVER PAIN MEDICATIONS WHEN PEOPLE ARE CALLING, NOT
12 TO MENTION THAT THE SECRETARY GOES ON BREAK. WE HAVE NO ONE TO
13 COVER A SECRETARY. NO ONE'S ON OUR CALL LIGHT. THE R.N.'S
14 RESPONSIBLE TO ANSWER PHONES AT THE STATION, THE CALL LIGHTS
15 AND DELIVERING CARE. SOMETIMES WE HAVE ONE, TWO N.A.'S ON A
16 SHIFT WITH 44 PATIENTS. I'M ON A LARGE MEDICAL-SURGICAL FLOOR.
17 OUR FLOOR HOLDS UP TO 52 PATIENTS. SO WE'VE GOT ONE C.N.A.
18 DURING BREAK TIME WITH 44 PATIENTS. SO IF I ASK HER PLEASE
19 HELP WITH OUT WITH A BEDPAN, SOMEONE'S LAYING IN THEIR WASTE,
20 SHE CAN'T BECAUSE SHE'S DOWN THE HALL WITH OTHER PATIENTS.
21 THAT PATIENT'S LAYING THERE FOR 20 MINUTES IN THEIR WASTE.
22 I'VE GOT FIVE PATIENTS IN A LINE ASKING FOR PAIN MEDICATION.
23 I'M ONE PERSON. THE LINE IS VERY, VERY THIN. SO WHAT WE'RE
24 ASKING THE BOARD TO LOOK AT IS WE NEED MORE STAFF, NOT LESS.
25 AND IF THAT MEANS HIRING PART-TIME PEOPLE FOR JUST BREAK, WE



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1 NEED IT. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE, LIKE I SAID, IS MORE STAFF,
2 NOT LESS. AND THE BOARD TO INTERVENE WITH THIS PROBLEM BEFORE
3 HARBOR AND SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES BECOME THE NEXT
4 MARTIN LUTHER KING. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

7

8 **ARCELIA LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ARCELIA LOPEZ AND I
9 WORK FOR THE COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY HARBOR U.C.L.A. EMERGENCY
10 DEPARTMENT AS A TRAUMA NURSE FOR SEVEN YEARS. I ALSO FUNCTION
11 AS A RELIEF CHARGE NURSE AND MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT NURSE
12 FOR THE SAME DEPARTMENT. YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY JOB, AND I'M VERY
13 PASSIONATE ALSO ABOUT PATIENT CARE AND PATIENT SAFETY. I'M
14 HERE TODAY AND THAT'S THE MAIN REASON I'M HERE TODAY, BECAUSE
15 THE PATIENT SAFETY IS A BIG CONCERN AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
16 ESPECIALLY THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW DUE TO
17 INADEQUATE STAFFING. HARBOR U.C.L.A. AS YOU KNOW IS LEVEL 1
18 TRAUMA CENTER HAS A LARGE CATCHMENT AREA AND THEREFORE A LARGE
19 NUMBER OF PATIENTS COME THROUGH OUR DOORS DAILY. AND IT'S VERY
20 IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP ADEQUATE STAFFING TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER
21 EFFECTIVE AND SAFE PATIENT CARE ON A REGULAR BASIS WE'VE LEFT
22 ONE OR THREE, EVEN FOUR NURSES SHORT. PER DIEM NURSES ARE
23 BEING CANCELED. THEY REFUSE TO AUTHORIZE OVERTIME, CITING THE
24 BUDGET. THIS MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO DELIVER THE QUALITY OF
25 CARE THAT EVERY PATIENT DESERVES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN A DAY AN



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1 OVERCHARGE CHARGE NURSE HAS THREE DIFFERENT JOBS TO DO. TO
2 FUNCTION OVERCHARGE NURSE, A CHARGE NURSE AND ALSO M.I.C.N.
3 THAT'S A CLEAR VIOLATION OF TITLE 22 AND IT'S VERY UNSAFE.
4 THESE UNSAFE PRACTICES I KNOW I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE NOT
5 ISOLATED TO HARBOR U.C.L.A. ONLY. BUT IT IS A CONSISTENCY
6 HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY
7 HEALTH SYSTEM. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO STOP THESE
8 VIOLATIONS SO WE CAN DO WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO: SAVE LIVES.
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. ALL
12 RIGHT S-1. BILL?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DEPARTMENT WILL COME UP SHORTLY BUT I WAS
15 GOING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF QUICK COMMENTS. WE'VE BEEN IN
16 CONTACT WITH NURSING DIRECTOR AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
17 CENTER PEGGY NAZARE. AND THOSE WHO KNOW PEGGY AND KNOW WITH
18 HER EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCE SHE TRACKS THIS ISSUE VERY, VERY
19 CAREFULLY. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SHE'S STATING THAT, FIRST,
20 THE STAFF AT THE FACILITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THEY HAVEN'T
21 RAISED THIS ISSUE TO HER ATTENTION. SHE STATES THAT SHE IS IN
22 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NURSING STAFF RATIOS. BUT SHE ALSO WOULD
23 ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK AT HARBOR, GIVEN THE TYPE OF
24 ENVIRONMENT THAT SHE'S CREATED, TO BRING THESE ISSUES TO HER
25 ATTENTION. AND SHE'S MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THEM.



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1 ALSO, THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT WERE BEING RAISED BY THE
2 FIRST SPEAKER THAT ARE ALSO BEING RAISED AT THE BARGAINING
3 TABLE. AND THOSE ISSUES SHOULD BE BEST VETTED AT THE
4 BARGAINING TABLE AND NOT IN THIS FORUM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR
7 ATTENTION AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP AND GET A REPORT FROM THE
8 DEPARTMENT. SO WITH THAT, ITEM S-1 WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE.

9

10 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** MAY I SAY I DO HAVE A PETITION FOR THE BOARD.
11 IT'S APPROXIMATELY 1,700 NURSES WHO ARE EXPRESSING THEIR
12 CONCERNS ABOUT SAFE PATIENT CARE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE IT. I DO KNOW THAT SOME OF
15 THOSE THINGS SOUND MORE LIKE NEGOTIATION. WE UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **ALFRED THOMPSON:** WE WOULD LEAVE THIS WITH THE BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WITH THAT WE WILL
20 RECEIVE AND FILE S-1. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT TAKES US TO
21 PUBLIC COMMENTS, AM I CORRECT?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 52?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 52?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
5 HEALTH AS IT RELATES TO PROP 36. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HAVE A
6 REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER
7 FROM THE PUBLIC. CARRIE I'LL CALL YOU UP IN A MINUTE. LET US
8 GET THE REPORT OUT OF THE WAY FIRST.

9

10 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** SUPERVISOR JOHN FRIEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH. ACTUALLY THE PROP 36 REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CONTINUED I
12 THINK ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. WHAT'S BEFORE YOU IS OUR
13 REPORT RELATED TO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. REDUCTIONS WHICH ARE A BY-
14 PRODUCT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETOING OF THE
15 FUND COMPONENT OF H.I.V. SERVICES, APPROXIMATELY A \$10 MILLION
16 REDUCTION TO OUR COMMUNITY. WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU IN YOUR
17 REPORT IS THE PRODUCT OF A WORK BY THE DEPARTMENT IN
18 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. AS WELL AS THE
19 PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE CERTAIN SERVICES,
20 REDUCE OTHER SERVICES AND ELIMINATE SERVICES THAT ARE
21 CONTAINED WITHIN THIS MEMO. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, I'D BE
22 HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A MOTION TO ADOPT
23 THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT. YES.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE WE CONTINUE-- OKAY. ALL RIGHT.
2 CARRIE? CARRY BROADUS? COME FORWARD, PLEASE? I SERVED ON THE
3 L.A. CARE BOARD TOGETHER? SHE DIDN'T PICK ON ME TOO MUCH.

4
5 **CARRIE BROADUS:** I'M HERE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE
6 ELIMINATION OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES. AND I WANT TO FIRST
7 SAY THAT IN 2005, THAT OUR DATA AS RELATES TO ACCESS TO
8 SERVICE PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND
9 LATINOS, THAT NEARLY 43 TO 54 PERCENT LISTED NOT KNOWING WHERE
10 SERVICES WERE AND NOT KNOWING THAT SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE TO
11 THEM, KEPT THEM FROM ACCESSING PRIMARY OUTPATIENT MEDICAL
12 SERVICES. THIS DATA CAME IF THE H.I.V. CARE ASSESSMENT
13 PROJECT. AND NEARLY 30 TO 35 PERCENT OF THOSE WOMEN WHO WERE
14 SURVEYED HAD MISSED CLINIC APPOINTMENTS EITHER SIX, SOMETIMES
15 ONLY WENT SIX MONTHS OR ONE TIME OUT OF SIX MONTHS OR NEVER
16 WENT AT ALL. ONE OTHER THING THAT WOMEN ALIVE HAVE BEEN ABLE
17 TO DO IS ADDRESS THE SOCIALLY ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT IMPEDE
18 WOMEN FROM ACCESSING H.I.V. CARE SERVICES. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY
19 SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS AS IT
20 RELATES TO TREATMENT EDUCATION AND ALSO PEER SUPPORT. IN FACT,
21 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CURRENT DATA AS IT RELATES TO H.I.V. AND
22 A.I.D.S., THAT THERE'S ONLY 6 PERCENT GAP IN WOMEN ACCESSING
23 OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES, AND IN FACT ONLY 7 PERCENT GAP AS
24 IT RELATES TO MEDICAL SPECIALTY. SO FOR THE LAST MINUTE OF MY
25 TIME, I'M ASKING THAT YOU DO NOT CUT TREATMENT EDUCATION AND



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1 PEER SUPPORT, BECAUSE AT THIS TIME, THERE'S STILL A GAP OF 40
2 PERCENT AS RELATES TO PEER SUPPORT AND 27 PERCENT GAP AS IT
3 RELATES TO TREATMENT EDUCATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A
4 NECESSITY TO MAKE CUTS, BUT I THINK THE METHOD NEEDS TO BE RE-
5 EXAMINED. FOR INSTANCE, THAT THERE IS NO CLEAR PROOF THAT THE
6 COST OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING EARMARKED FOR THE CORE CLUSTER
7 OF MEDICAL SERVICES IS BEING COST-EFFECTIVE. WE APPLIED A COST
8 RATE STUDY, MEDICAL RATE STUDY THAT WAS NEVER IMPLEMENTED THAT
9 COULD HAVE GIVEN US AN IDEA OF WHERE THE COST SAVINGS COULD BE
10 REALIZED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THESE CUTS DO NOT INDICATE THE
11 DISEASE BURDEN OR THE GEOGRAPHIC ESTIMATE OF NEED OF WHERE
12 GAPS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AS RELATES TO VULNERABLE
13 POPULATIONS. I WILL ALSO INDICATE THAT ONCE AGAIN THE NEED IS
14 TO LOOK AT WHAT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE? SIMPLY CUTTING
15 BUDGETS, SIMPLY ELIMINATING PROGRAMS SUCH AS WOMEN ALIVE, YOU
16 WILL EVENTUALLY-- YOU WILL IN ESSENCE CLOSE THE DOOR OF WOMEN
17 ALIVE. THIS IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT IS SERVING WOMEN OF
18 COLOR THAT ARE LIVING WITH AND AFFECTED BY H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN CLOSING, THERE IS NO CLEAR PLAN OR
20 RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE DISPARITY AS IT
21 RELATES TO PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF COLOR, HOMELESS AND ALSO POST
22 INCARCERATED WITH THESE DESIRED CUTS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ON THAT PARTICULAR PIECE
25 YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HAS BEEN CONTINUED.



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2 **CARRIE BROADUS:** WELL IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS ONLY THE
3 _____ DRUGS PROP 36. I'M HERE SPECIFICALLY TO THE
4 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. BECAUSE IT WAS ACCORDING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL
5 AGENDA.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. IT'S BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY.

8

9 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THIS IS BEFORE THE BOARD. THE ONLY MATTER
10 THAT'S BEING CONTINUED ARE THE PROP 36, WHICH WOULD BE A
11 SUBSET, A DIFFERENT SET OF REDUCTIONS. THIS IS WITHIN THE
12 H.I.V., MS. BROADUS OUTLINED THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE
13 RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ELIMINATE THESE TWO,
14 FUNDING FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES, WHICH OBVIOUSLY AFFECT HER
15 AGENCY AND THOSE CONSTITUENTS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE CONTINUE THIS PIECE, AS WELL,
18 THEN, FOR A WEEK AND REPORT BACK TO US ON THAT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, CAN YOU JUST WALK US
21 THROUGH SUCCINCTLY WHAT IT IS THAT THESE CATEGORIES ARE AND
22 WHAT THE CUTS ARE?

23

24 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THERE ARE TWO AREAS. ONE IS TWO SERVICE
25 CATEGORIES WHICH THE ENTIRE SERVICE AREA HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR



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1 ELIMINATION. MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, WHICH IS EDUCATION TO
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. WHO ARE IN SEVERE MEDICAL CONDITIONS
3 AND SPECIALIZING. WE ARE INCORPORATING THAT INTO THE MEDICAL
4 CARE COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM. SO THAT SERVICE CATEGORY IS NOT
5 NEEDED AT THIS TIME. AND THE OTHER ONE IS PEER SUPPORT, WHICH
6 THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HAS DEFUNDED AS A SERVICE PRIORITY.
7 AND WE'RE TAKING ACTION TO MOVE ALONG IN THAT DIRECTION. ALL
8 OF THIS IS IN THE CONTEXT OF DIMINISHING RESOURCES ACROSS-THE-
9 BOARD FOR H.I.V.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS A RESPONSE TO THE STATE CUTBACKS
12 EXCLUSIVELY?

13

14 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO HOW MUCH-- HOW CAN YOU QUANTIFY OR
17 DESCRIBE THE IMPACT OF THE CUT? THESE ARE NOT-- FIRST OF ALL,
18 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WE'RE NOT CUTTING IN ANY AREA INVOLVING
19 MEDICATIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** CORRECT. THE PRESERVATION STRATEGY TO PROTECT
22 COUNSELING AND TESTING, MEDICAL CARE SERVICES, MEDICAL CASE
23 MANAGEMENT, THE WHOLE LIST OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, NUTRITION
24 SUPPORT SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES AS
25 WELL AS THE CORE MEDICAL COMPONENT. THERE ARE OTHER SERVICE



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1 CATEGORIES THAT ARE FACING A REDUCTION AND THEN THERE IS A
2 THIRD SET OF SERVICE CATEGORIES THAT ARE FACING TOTAL
3 ELIMINATION OF FUNDING.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THOSE TOTAL ELIMINATION?

6

7 **JOHN FRIEDMAN:** THE TOTAL ELIMINATION FUNDING WOULD BE LEGAL
8 SERVICES, MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, PEER SUPPORT, SERVICE
9 PROVIDERS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE PROVIDER TRAINING AND
10 TREATMENT EDUCATION SERVICES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. THE
15 ITEM IS BEFORE US, THEN, ON THE RECOMMENDATION. IS THERE A
16 MOTION TO APPROVE?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OBJECTIONS? OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST IT'S A LITTLE SADNESS THAT WE .

3 RECOGNIZE AND DECLARED "JACK KRAMER DAY" IN JULY. WHEN HE WAS
4 HERE, WE WERE ABLE TO REPRESENT FROM THE COUNTY OUR

5 APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF HIS LEADERSHIP IN LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. AND WHEN HE WAS HERE, HE WAS JUST SHY OF HIS 88TH

7 BIRTHDAY. BUT JACK WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST TENNIS PLAYERS IN
8 AMERICAN HISTORY. HE WAS A PROMOTER AND INNOVATOR. HE ALSO

9 SERVED IN THE MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS AN AUTHOR
10 AND TELEVISION COMMENTATOR. AT THE AGE OF 17 HE WAS THE

11 YOUNGEST TO EVER PLAY IN THE DAVIS CUP FINAL. HE WAS RANKED

12 NO. 1 IN THE WORLD IN '46 AND 1947. AND HE FINISHED HIS GRAND,

13 HIS CAREER AS A WINNER OF 10 GRAND SLAM TITLES. HE HAD WON THE
14 PRESTIGIOUS SULLIVAN AWARD. HE APPEARED ON THE COVERS OF TIME

15 AND NEWSWEEK. IN THE MILLENNIUM HE WAS SELECTED BY THE

16 ASSOCIATED PRESS AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 PLAYERS IN THE 20TH

17 CENTURY. AS A PHILANTHROPIST, HE GAVE BACK TO THE SUPPORT WITH

18 THE NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE TENNIS PROGRAM AND THE PACIFIC

19 SOUTHWEST YOUTH TENNIS FOUNDATION. AND IT WAS JULY 21ST THAT

20 WE HAD DECLARED "JACK KRAMER DAY" THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OF LOS

21 ANGELES. HE ALSO BECAME A VERY ASTUTE BUSINESSMAN BECAUSE HIS

22 TENNIS RACQUET BY WILSON WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RACQUETS

23 EVER SOLD. BUT HE WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE A VERY LUCRATIVE

24 CONTRACT WHERE HE TOOK 2-1/2 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES, WHICH

25 ENDED UP WHERE HE WAS MAKING MORE THAN THE PRESIDENT OF WILSON



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1 SPORTING GOODS. AND THAT RACKET SOLD OVER 30 MILLION RACQUETS
2 IN THE WORLD. AND HE WAS ABLE TO PUT THOSE RESOURCES BACK INTO
3 HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE IN BECOMING A PHILANTHROPIST. I HAD THE
4 OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING HIS AUNT, AS I SAID, MY MUSIC TEACHER,
5 AS MY BROTHER, DID AT RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH
6 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, AND THEN HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF TEACHING
7 HIS SON GOVERNMENT HISTORY AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL, BOB, IN
8 THE '60S. SO I'D MOVE IN MEMORY OF HIS PASSING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO MICHAEL WETHERBIE WHO PASSED AWAY ON
13 AUGUST 31ST. HE WORKED AS A FIREMAN WITH L.A. COUNTY'S FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT FOR 36 YEARS. HE WAS THE FIREMAN OF THE YEAR IN
15 1995. AND HE WAS A CHARTERED MEMBER OF THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN
16 COUNCIL WHERE HE SERVED AS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIPER
17 HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
18 LORI OF 55 YEARS AND THEIR CHILDREN DENNY AND TERRY. ANOTHER
19 GOOD FRIEND, WALLACE KAI CHAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE
20 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, ALICE, AND THEIR CHILDREN
21 MILTON AND WALLACE. MIKE ROBERT DE SALVO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST
22 20TH. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SERVED IN VIETNAM
23 AND WORKED FOR THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR
24 THE PAST 36 YEARS. ALSO A VERY GOOD FRIEND WHO IS QUITE
25 INVOLVED IN OUR COUNTY AND IN MY POLITICAL EFFORTS, ELNORA



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1 DEAN WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND FROM CANCER. SHE HAD A TOUGH
2 STRUGGLE WITH CANCER, BUT SHE WAS FIGHTING IT VERY WELL AND
3 SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WIFE AND MOTHER. SO OUR CONDOLENCES TO DON
4 AND THE FAMILY. MICHAEL "MIKE" ROBERT DE SALVO, AS I SAID, HE
5 HAD WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE PAST 36 YEARS. AND THEN
6 FRANK VICENCIA, WHO DON KNABE HAD BROUGHT IN. I ALSO HAD THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH FRANK AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND
8 HE WAS A VERY FINE MAN AND A GOOD FAMILY MAN. THORNTON
9 SIMMONS. HE SERVED FOR 25 YEARS WITH THE PROJECT GANGS
10 PROGRAM. PLAYING A LEAD ACTING ROAD IN THE STAGE SHOW "THOU
11 SHALT NOT KILL" TEACHING OUR YOUTH ABOUT NONVIOLENCE WHERE HE
12 SPOKE AT MANY OF OUR COUNTLESS CONVENTIONS, CHURCHES AND
13 SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE EVENTS ALL OVER OUR COUNTY.
14 GARRETT MARK NUNNELEE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 17 AND HE IS
15 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, LISA AND MARK AS WELL AS HIS BROTHER,
16 KENNY AND SISTERS AMANDA, CAITLIN. CAROL YVONNE PENNY OF THE
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS A HOMEMAKER, BOOKKEEPER, OFFICE
18 MANAGER FOR HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS. DR. GEORGE ALBERT RUTAN
19 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND WAS A GRADUATE OF THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND HE
21 HAD MOVED TO DENEWA, CALIFORNIA AND SET UP HIS DENTAL PRACTICE
22 AND LATER BECAME A PILOT IN 1953. FRANK SEBEK, RETIRED
23 LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
24 WHERE HE SERVED FOR 23 YEARS. THOSE WERE MY ADJOURNMENT
25 MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LET ME-- I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP THE
5 QUESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STANDING BY RIGHT
6 NOW.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS LIKE OH BY THE WAY?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ARE GOING TO HAVE -- AND OUR CITIZENS ARE
11 GOING TO BE VICTIMIZED ONE BY THE FIRE AND TWO BY THE FLOODS
12 THAT WILL BE COMING SHORTLY AND THE RUNOFFS. COULD YOU ASK AND
13 PROVIDE OUR STAFFS A LITTLE BRIEFING RIGHT NOW RELATIVE TO HAS
14 YOUR STAFF BEEN PROVIDED TO ACCESS TO ALL OF THE BURN AREAS?

15

16 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR
17 ASKING. MARK PASTRELLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. WE
18 HAVE RECEIVED ACCESS TO ALL AREAS, BURN AREAS, BOTH THE
19 STATION AND MORRIS FIRES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE COUNTY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
22 CABIN LEASEHOLDS OR ARE THESE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
23 U.S. FOREST SERVICE?

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1 **MARK PASTRELLO:** LEASEHOLDS ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
2 U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ON THE REBUILDING OF THOSE CABINS, WILL
5 THEY GO THROUGH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE OR DO THEY COME TO THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS?

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8 **MARK PASTRELLO:** THEY WILL GO THROUGH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE.
9 AND IN PAST FIRES WE'VE COOPERATED WITH THE U.S. FOREST
10 SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT TO REVIEW THOSE CABINS FOR BUILDING
11 STANDARDS PERMIT AND INSPECTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY CONTRACT WITH US FOR THOSE REBUILDING
14 PLANS?

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16 **MARK PASTRELLO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO HAS FINAL SAY WHEN THERE'S
19 DIFFERENCES OF OPINION? THE FOREST SERVICE OR THE COUNTY?

20

21 **MARK PASTRELLO:** THE FOREST SERVICE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT INDIVIDUALS
24 CAN CALL FOR ADVICE ABOUT EROSION CONTROL, CONTAINING MUD
25 FLOWS AND PROTECTING THEIR PROPERTIES?



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2 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP ON OUR
3 WEBSITE, LACOUNTY.GOV AS WELL AS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
4 WEBSITE WWW.LACOUNTY.GOV WITH AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S
5 WEBSITE, WWW.LADPW.ORG AND PROVIDED AN 800 NUMBER. 1-800-214-
6 4020 THAT THE PUBLIC MAY USE TO HAVE ENGINEERS FROM THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COME AND ASSESS THEIR PROPERTIES
8 FOR POTENTIAL MUD FLOW TO THEIR PROPERTIES.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW CAN WE PUBLICIZE THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER?

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12 **MARK PASTRELLO:** BOTH ON THE WEBSITES WE'VE DONE THAT, SIR. AND
13 WE'VE ALSO WORKED IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CAMPAIGN AS WELL
14 AS OUR OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS FOLKS ARE PUTTING OUT PRESS
15 RELEASES TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS SERVICE THAT'S
16 AVAILABLE FOR FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME OF OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS WAS DISMAL
19 DURING THE FIRE AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD PERHAPS EVEN
20 HAVE SOME BILLBOARDS OR WHATEVER WITHIN THE AREA SO THE
21 CITIZENS WOULD KNOW WHAT THAT HOT LINE NUMBER IS.

22

23 **MARK PASTRELLO:** GREAT SUGGESTION.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR INSPECTION OF ALL
2 ROADWAYS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE?

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4 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. WE'VE COMPLETED ALL INSPECTIONS OF THE
5 ROADWAYS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL ACTIVE FIRE IN SOME AREAS,
6 BUT WE BELIEVE WE HAVE AN IDEA THAT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE
7 TO THE ROADWAYS WAS IN THE FOREST SERVICE AREA.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU EXPECT CLOSURES OF MOUNTAIN ROADS,
10 LIKE ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY AND BIG TUJUNGA CANYON THIS
11 WINTER?

12

13 **MARK PASTRELLO:** WE DO EXPECT CLOSURE DURING THIS WINTER. WE
14 ARE WORKING COOPERATIVELY AGAIN WITH U.S. FOREST SERVICE AS
15 WELL AS CALTRANS TO LOOK AT A PROCESS OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC
16 OF THOSE CLOSURES AS WELL AS GETTING THOSE ROADS OPEN AS SOON
17 AS POSSIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU THEN FORMULATING PLANS TO LET THE
20 PUBLIC KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THAT THESE CLOSURES COULD OCCUR?

21

22 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES. OF COURSE UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE, ALONG WITH
23 YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE ACTUALLY PREPARING TO DEVELOP A SERIES OF
24 COMMUNITY MEETINGS AS WELL AS OUTREACH AND AGAIN USE OF THE



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1 INTERNET AND BILLBOARDS, PRESS RELEASES TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW
2 WHEN CLOSURES WILL BE OCCURRING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY STAFF HAS SPOKEN WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND
5 FOREST SERVICE ABOUT A HEARING BEFORE OUR CITY COUNCILS AND
6 TOWN COUNCILS IMPACTED BY THE AREA. ARE YOU DEVELOPING THAT
7 PLAN FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION?

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9 **MARK PASTRELLO:** YES, WE ARE. WORKING ALONGSIDE YOUR PUBLIC
10 RELATIONS FOLKS AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FOLKS FROM THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PLAN A SERIES OF COMMUNITY
12 MEETINGS BOTH ON RE-ENTRY INTO THEIR PROPERTIES WITH RESPECT
13 TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AS WELL AS THE TRAVELING PUBLIC IN THE
14 U.S. FOREST AREA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH THE IMMINENT CONTAINMENT
17 OF THE FIRES IN AND AREAS SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL FOREST, OUR
18 FOCUS IS SWIFTLY SHIFTING FROM FIRE, TO DAMAGE, REPAIR AND
19 RECOVERY. OUR STAFF ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO REOPEN SEVERAL
20 COUNTY ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO THE FIRE. ANGELOS
21 FOREST HIGHWAY IN PARTICULAR SERVES AS A COMMUTER ROAD ROUTE
22 BETWEEN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND L.A. BASIN. BIG TUJUNGA CANYON
23 PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE BIG TUJUNGA DAM AND OTHER CRITICAL
24 INFRASTRUCTURE. COUNTY WORKS HAS REPORTED THAT THE DESTRUCTION
25 IS EXTENSIVE, IT HAS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED IN THE FIRE



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1 95 GUARDRAILS, MORE THAN 800 ROAD SIGNS, 47 MILES OF ROADWAY
2 STRIPPING AND 850 BURNED ROADWAY TREES NEEDING REMOVAL. AS OUR
3 FIRE FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED, A PUBLIC WORKS INITIATED
4 INSPECTIONS OF CRITICAL FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE TO ASSESS
5 THE DAMAGE. VITAL UPGRADES OR REPAIRS TO THE DEBRIS BASINS,
6 ROADWAY CULVERTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM
7 ANTICIPATED STORM AND DEBRIS FLOWS. TO DATE, ENGINEERING
8 ADVICE TEAMS HAVE PROVIDED ADVICE TO ABOUT 80 RESIDENTS WITHIN
9 THE CITIES OF LA CANADA AND FLINTRIDGE, AND ALSO WITHIN THE
10 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS OF LA CRESCENTA, AND THIS OUTREACH
11 IS CONTINUING. IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRES' DESTRUCTION AND TO
12 KEEP THE PUBLIC RESIDENTS FULLY APPRISED OF ANY AND ALL
13 RECOVERY EFFORTS, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC WORKS TO EXPAND
14 ITS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE STAFF IS
15 ALERT AND ABLE TO INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE MUD FLOW
16 PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDS. ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, OUR BOARD HAD
17 ADOPTED SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MY MOTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC
18 WORKS TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE UP TO \$25 MILLION IN EMERGENCY
19 CONTRACTS. THIS ACTION WILL ENABLE PUBLIC WORKS TO RESTORE
20 ACCESS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE
21 POTENTIAL FLOODING AND DAMAGE DUE TO MUD FLOWS. AS A FOLLOW UP
22 TO THIS ACTION, I HAVE INITIATED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PUBLIC
23 WORKS AND U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A
24 COMPREHENSIVE JOINT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM.
25 THIS PROGRAM WILL BE KNOWN AS THE COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY



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1 EFFORT C.A.R.E. C.A.R.E. WILL BE A COOPERATIVE INTERAGENCY
2 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION FLOOD BUILDING CODE,
3 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMPONENTS OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC WORKS, THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL
5 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AS ITS CORE PARTICIPANTS.
6 OTHER FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WILL BE ADDED WHEN
7 APPLICABLE. C.A.R.E. WILL OPERATE FROM A DEDICATED LOW
8 LOCATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS IN ALHAMBRA.
9 THEIR GOAL TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS, TOWN
10 COUNCILS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY
11 MANAGERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL STAFF RELATIVE TO RECOVERY AND
12 REPAIR EFFORTS. COMMUNICATION WILL ADDRESS OUR PROGRESS AND
13 IDENTIFY ONGOING POTENTIAL HAZARDS IN THE FIRES' AFTERMATH.
14 THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE MEDIA RELEASES, BULLETINS
15 AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PUBLIC WORKS WEBSITE.
16 IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS, C.A.R.E. WILL
17 UTILIZE CITY NEWSLETTERS, CABLE T.V. CHANNELS TO DISSEMINATE
18 INFORMATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE MATERIALS CURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED
19 BY THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RELATING TO STORM PREPARATION
20 AND PROTECTION. CARE WILL DEVELOP A UNIFIED AND UPDATED
21 TALKING POINTS, TOGETHER WITH THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU, TO BE MADE
22 AVAILABLE WHEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUCH PUBLIC INFORMATION. I
23 HAVE ALREADY DIRECTED C.A.R.E. MANAGERS TO DEVELOP A SCHEDULE
24 TO APPEAR BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULE MEETINGS OF ALL CITY
25 COUNCILS AND TOWN COUNCILS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE. AND SO I



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1 WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 WORKS TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT IN
3 CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE
4 NATIONAL INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDE OFFICE
5 SPACE AND SUPPORT WITH PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS IN ALHAMBRA,
6 INITIATE CONTACT WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES
7 AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY TO SUPPORT RECOVERY AND
8 REPAIR EFFORTS; DEVELOPING A SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES BEFORE
9 IMPACTED CITY COUNCILS, TOWN COUNCILS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 BOTH THE FOREST SERVICE AND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS; AND DEVELOP A
11 COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM, DIRECTING PRESS
12 RELEASES BI-WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS, PUBLIC APPEARANCE AND
13 WEBSITES. MR. CHAIR, I ASK THAT WE APPROVE THIS TODAY BECAUSE
14 OF THE RAINS THAT COULD BE COMING AND HAVING THIS EFFORT. SO
15 MOVED.

16
17 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU'D NEED A FINDING OF URGENCY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE WAS MOVING URGENCY. I WAS SECONDING
20 URGENCY.

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22 **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** FOUR VOTES.



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GOT FOUR VOTES. I ACTUALLY GOT FIVE.
2 MOVE THE ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. CHAIR WILL
3 SECOND.. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AND THEN ON S-1.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE ALREADY DONE WITH THAT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NEVER MIND. WE'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS. I
12 BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT, RIGHT? THAT TAKES CARE OF THE
13 AGENDA? PUBLIC COMMENTS, HARRY GIBBENS. DANIEL GARCIA. DAVID
14 WELLS WILL BE THE FIRST THREE SPEAKERS.

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16 **HARRY GIBBENS (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
17 HIS NAME IS HARRY GIBBENS. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I HAVE AN
18 INTERPRETER EXPLAIN FOR HIM HIS SITUATION. HARRY PROVIDED A
19 LETTER AND FROM THAT I'M GOING TO BRIEFLY GO OVER WHY HE'S
20 HERE. HE HAS THREE THINGS HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. ONE, ON
21 OCTOBER 31ST, 2008, HE WAS ON AN ESCALATOR GOING UP AN
22 ESCALATOR AND HE HAD A CART OR SUITCASE WITH HIM IN HAND GOING
23 UP THE ESCALATOR AND THE WAY THE ESCALATOR WAS DESIGNED AND HE
24 WAS UNEXPECTED, THIS WAS UNEXPECTED, THE CART STOPPED, WHICH
25 PUSHED HIM BACK AND HE FELL DOWN THE ESCALATOR. AS HE FELL



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1 DOWN THE ESCALATOR, THE ESCALATOR WAS BRINGING HIM BACK UP AND
2 IT CAUGHT ONTO HIS CLOTHING WHICH CAUSED HIM SOME INABILITY TO
3 CATCH HIMSELF AND GET UP. SO HE SENT HIS COMPLAINT OR HE WENT
4 TO THE METROPOLITAN, METRO INSURANCE AGENT, WHICH MITSUBISHI
5 ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC HAD THE CONTRACT. HE SPOKE TO THOSE
6 AGENTS THE M.T.A. AND MITSUBISHI AND NEITHER ONE HAS ASSISTED
7 HIM FOR INSURANCE OR ANY PAYMENT FOR THE INJURIES HE SUFFERED
8 FROM THIS INCIDENT. HE HAS PROVIDED YOU PICTURES OF WHAT HAS
9 HAPPENED TO HIM AND THE OUTCOME OF THE INJURIES. AND THE THIRD
10 REASON HE'S HERE, HE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO HELP REDESIGN THAT
11 ESCALATOR SO THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO OTHER PEOPLE. SOME KIND
12 OF WAY THERE'S A CURB OR A BUMP THERE THAT PREVENTS THE CART
13 FROM MOVING SMOOTHLY ONTO THE LAND OR SURFACE, THE PLATFORM.
14 AND HE FEELS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE REDESIGNED IN ORDER TO
15 PREVENT THIS HAPPENING TO OTHER PEOPLE.

16
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL TAKE THE INFORMATION AND
18 FORWARD IT TO THE M.T.A.

19
20 **HARRY GIBBENS:** HE SAID OKAY.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

23
24 **HARRY GIBBENS:** YOU'RE WELCOME.



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL SEND THIS TO THE M.T.A. WE SIT
2 ON THE M.T.A. SO WE MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET THIS INFORMATION.
3 OKAY? ALL RIGHT. MR. WELLS AND MR. GARCIA? WHO ELSE?

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5 **DAVID WELLS:** THIS GOES TO MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK ON THIS?

8

9 **DAVID WELLS:** SIR, YOU CONTRACT TO SERVICON FOR U.C.L.A.
10 HARBOR? MAINTENANCE? SERVICON? SERVICON?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **DAVID WELLS:** OKAY. I WAS TREATED VERY RUDELY BY SERVICON AS I
15 WAS TRYING TO GET EMPLOYMENT THERE. ON JUNE OF THIS YEAR BY
16 MARTHA. AND I FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION IN JUNE AND SHE TOLD
17 ME SHE LOST IT. I WENT BACK A MONTH LATER. SHE TOLD ME WELL
18 SHE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR ME. THEN I WENT BACK A MONTH AGAIN.
19 SHE GAVE ME ANOTHER APPLICATION TO FILL OUT. I GAVE HER MY
20 BUSINESS CARD THAT I USED TO DO JANITORIAL WORK. AND SHE TOLD
21 ME WELL, SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OPENINGS. AND THEN SHE TELLS ME
22 AGAIN THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR ME. BUT D.O.J.,
23 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CLEARED ME BECAUSE I'M ALREADY-- I
24 ALREADY HAVE SECURITY CLEARANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 JUSTICE. SO THEY CLEARED ME WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF SCANNING



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1 TESTS I TOOK AT THE HARBOR U.C.L.A., HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER
2 AND DEPARTMENT BUILDING 3. AND SHE TOLD ME, THE RESOURCE
3 CENTER TOLD ME THAT THEY SENT OVER AN EMAIL TO HER THAT I WAS
4 CLEARED. AND SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE NEVER RECEIVED IT. AND THEN I
5 CALLED AGAIN. SHE SAID SHE NEVER RECEIVED IT. THEN I WENT TO
6 HARBOR RESOURCES CENTER AGAIN. AND THEY TOLD ME SHE DIDN'T
7 RECEIVE IT. AND THE PERSON THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT IS
8 VERONICA SOTO OF HARBOR RESOURCES WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE
9 SENDING THAT TO HER. AND YET THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR
10 ALMOST FOUR MONTHS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU INDICATE HOW YOU
13 WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO BE HELPFUL, MR. CHAIRMAN?

14

15 **DAVID WELLS:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO INVESTIGATE WHAT
16 THE PROBLEM IS, WHY AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CANNOT BE HIRED BY
17 SERVICON.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **DAVID WELLS:** I'M AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THERE ARE OTHER
22 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, VERY FEW THAT ARE THERE. THEY'RE ALL
23 HISPANIC. I'M NOT TALKING RACIAL, BUT--

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO YOU IF I WERE TO
2 ASSIGN A STAFF PERSON TO SPEAK WITH YOU RIGHT NOW ABOUT THE
3 MATTER? WE CAN GO FROM THERE?

4

5 **DAVID WELLS:** YES.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL DO IT IMMEDIATELY.

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9 **DAVID WELLS:** WHAT DID YOU SAY, SIR?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WILL DO IT IMMEDIATELY. STEP RIGHT THERE
12 AND YOU'LL HAVE SOMEONE TALKING WITH YOU BEFORE YOU GET TO THE
13 BOTTOM OF THE STEPS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. GARCIA, THEN ARNOLD SACHS
16 AND SAGE ALI.

17

18 **DANIEL GARCIA:** BASICALLY THE STORY IS THE STORY. IN THIS WAY.
19 THE STORY IS THAT _____ HE CAME TO ME AND HE ACTUALLY WAS
20 INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE, TOLD ME THAT HE NEEDS HELP. AND I HAVE
21 BEEN HELPING HIM. AND I BROUGHT HIM TO THE PUBLIC COUNCIL. AND
22 THE PUBLIC COUNCIL SAY THAT THEY CANNOT HELP HIM ON ASSISTING
23 LEGAL COURT OR LEGAL SERVICES BECAUSE THEY DON'T DO THOSE KIND
24 OF SERVICES FOR INJURY. SO HE HAS ALREADY BEEN IN THE COURT.
25 HAD BEEN AT THE COURT DOING THE PROCESS OF FINDING LAWYERS.



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1 AND COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. THE END OF THE STORY IS
2 THAT PEOPLE LIKE HIM ABANDONED. ABANDONED BY THE COURT, BY THE
3 JUSTICE. I MEAN, THERE'S NO SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIKE HIM. AND
4 I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AT LEAST PLEASE REMAIN
5 ATTENTION TO HIS ISSUE BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH PEOPLE WITH
6 DISABILITIES, SO MANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NOT BEING ABLE
7 TO FIND THE RIGHT RESOURCES. AND FOR AN EXAMPLE OF THIS
8 SITUATION, I THINK THEY DESERVE THESE PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY HAVE
9 A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE _____ IN THE FUTURE. I HOPE YOU
10 CAN HELP HIM OUT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'VE GOT THE INFORMATION.
13 WE'LL MAKE SURE THE M.T.A. GETS IT AND FOLLOW UP THAT WAY. ALL
14 RIGHT. MR. SACHS AND THEN IS SAGE ALI? SARKIS AGAJANIAN. OKAY
15 MR. SACHS?

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. THANK YOU.
18 ARNOLD SACHS. I TOUCHED ON IT BRIEFLY WITH YOUR-- WHEN YOU
19 WERE OUTSOURCING WORK FOR-- YOU FOUND THAT IT COULD BE DONE AT
20 A MORE BENEFICIAL COST TO THE COUNTY, THE LIVING WAGE
21 ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNTY HAS, THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE THAT
22 THE CITY OF L.A. HAS, MORE LIKE A KILLING LIFE ORDINANCE. THE
23 CITY'S PLANNING TO INCREASE FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE WORKERS
24 COVERED BY THIS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, ONLY THE ONES AT THE
25 AIRPORT. YOUR PLAN IS TO SOMEHOW GET THE AIRLINES TO ADD A FEE



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1 ONTO TICKETS THAT WILL COVER THE COST OF THIS INCREASE. I ALSO
2 TOUCHED ON IT LAST WEEK THAT I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD GET
3 INVOLVED IN IT. THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO LOOK TO PUT A FEE ON THE
4 AIRLINE TICKETS SINCE THE AIRLINES IS NOT A CITY AGENCY BUT A
5 PROPRIETARY DEPARTMENT ONLY OPEN TO CITY SUGGESTIONS AND NOT
6 CITY REGULATIONS. I THINK THAT THE COUNTY COULD LOOK AT THAT
7 AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE ITS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE FOR
8 ALL THE WORKERS NOT COVERED BY A DECENT WAGE THAT WOULD ALLOW
9 THEM TO GO OUT AND GET HEALTH INSURANCE. BECAUSE YOU HAVE
10 ALLOWED COMPANIES TO DROP HEALTH INSURANCE IN LIEU OF GIVING
11 THEM MORE MONEY. THAT BEING SAID, YOU HAVE AN ITEM ON YOUR
12 AGENDA TODAY REGARDING BANNING SMOKING IN PARKS AND YOU ALSO
13 HAD AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA THAT YOU'RE CONTINUING REGARDING
14 SOME HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS FOR THE COUNTY. MY REQUEST WOULD
15 BE TO INVOLVE NONSMOKING OR PHASE IN A PLAN OR A PROGRAM THAT
16 ELIMINATES SMOKING AMONG COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IF THE PUBLIC IS
17 GOING TO BE PAYING OR FOOTING A BILL FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND YOU'RE SO HELL BENT ON ELIMINATING
19 SMOKING AS A CAUSE FOR DISEASE IN PARKS, BEACHES, IN
20 RESTAURANTS, OUTSIDE, INSIDE, UPSIDE, DOWNSIDE, THEN YOU NEED
21 TO PHASE IN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO, A,
22 SEEK MEDICAL HELP TO ELIMINATE SMOKING, OR, B, ELIMINATE
23 SMOKING IN COUNTY-- BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND, FINALLY, NEXT
24 WEEK, THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETS. IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR
25 BUS SERVICE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE ANYBODY WHO RIDES A



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1 BUS, THEY WILL BE MEETING NEXT THURSDAY AT 9 A.M. IN THE TOWER
2 OF BABEL. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SAGE ALI. LAST TIME SARKIS
5 AGAJANIAN. HERMAN ARMANDO. OKAY, SAGE?

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7 **SAGE ALI:** YES. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO TAKE
8 MY SECTION 8, MY PUBLIC HOUSING FOR A CASE THAT I HAD IN 2001
9 THAT THEY DIDN'T COME UNTIL 2008. THEY PUT ME ON SUMMARY
10 PROBATION. I'M JUST HERE SAYING THAT IF MY SECTION 8 GET
11 TAKEN, I HAVE NOWHERE FOR MY KIDS TO GO. AND WHY I'M ON
12 SUMMARY PROBATION, I WAS TRYING TO GET SOME MILK TO FEED MY
13 NEWBORN BABY IN 2001. AND IT CAUGHT UP WITH ME IN 2008. AND I
14 DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO, WHO TO TALK TO. BUT I COME HERE TO THE
15 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I LOST MY JOB WITH S.E.I.U. I
16 ONLY HAVE THIS SECTION 8. I'M IN SCHOOL. I'M JUST ASKING FOR
17 SOME HELP. I'M OFF SUMMARY PROBATION IN MAY AND THEN THEY SAY
18 THAT THEY ARE DOING RANDOM CHECKS, THEY ARE NOT CHECKING
19 EVERYBODY, WHICH I FEEL IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE I KNOW PEOPLE THAT
20 FALSE SECTION 8 THAT ARE ON PAROLE, ANYTHING. AND I HAVE TWO
21 BOYS. THAT'S MY MAIN THING. THEY WANT TO PUT ME OUT, FINE BUT
22 MY BOYS, I DON'T WANT THEM ON THE STREETS. SO I'M JUST HERE
23 BECAUSE ALL THE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS, _____ AND I'M JUST
24 ASKING, CAN YOU ALL PLEASE HELP ME? MY SECTION 8, I'VE BEEN
25 HAVING IT SINCE 2000. I PAY MY RENT. I DO EVERYTHING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN?

3

4 **SAGE ALI:** I LIVE ON 93RD. AND I THINK IT'S SECOND. NINETY-
5 THIRD AND VERMONT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S STAFF TALK TO YOU IF YOU'D STEP OVER THERE,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **SAGE ALI:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

14

15 **SARKIS AGAJANIAN:** IF I COULD, SIR, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS TO
16 A COUNCIL PERSON MOLINA?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON JUST A SECOND. ARMANDO HERMAN
19 AND EDWARD MERIDA. HERMAN ARMANDO OR ARMANDO HERMAN. OKAY. ALL
20 RIGHT. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SARKIS AGAJANIAN:** MY NAME IS SARKIS AGAJANIAN. I REPRESENT THE
23 MINISTRY OF COUNTER PROPAGANDA. I WAS ASSAULTED BY A BERZERK
24 AND MENTALLY UNSTABLE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2008.
25 SINCE THESE DEPUTIES DON'T GIVE THEIR NAMES OR BADGE NUMBERS



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1 AS REQUIRED UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, I CALLED THE ONE WHO
2 ASSAULTED ME A DEPUTY BRUCE LEE WANNABE AND SERGEANT DUMB DUMB
3 RED NECK TRAILER TRASH. I SUBMITTED MY COMPLAINT TO THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WAITED SIX MONTHS. SIX MONTHS LATER I
5 RECEIVED MY ANSWER. NOTHING HAPPENED. MOVE ON. WITHIN THE WEEK
6 I WENT TO THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE AND AFTER EIGHT LONG MONTHS,
7 THEY CONCURRED WITH THE SHERIFFS' FINDINGS. 14 MONTHS. 14
8 MONTHS IN A NANOSECOND CULTURE. THIS IS AN INSULT TO CIVIL
9 SOCIETY, AN INDICATION OF THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND
10 POWERFUL BUREAUCRACIES WITHIN OUR, WHAT'S THE WORD HERE? DEMO-
11 CRACY. ESPECIALLY WARLORD BACA'S FIEFDOM. AND HE'S HERE. AND
12 THIS WAS A COVER UP FROM THE BEGINNING AND WAS DONE SEAMLESSLY
13 LIKE SO MANY OTHERS. ESPECIALLY IN EAST L.A. I HAVE WRITTEN
14 THE D.A.'S OFFICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS STATE
15 AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REGARDING THIS BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF
16 ONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS RIGHTS. I PUT YOU FIVE ON NOTICE TODAY TO
17 INVESTIGATE THIS EGREGIOUS VIOLATION OF LAWS BY DEPUTIES WHO
18 THINK THEY OWN THE STREETS OF EAST L.A. AND CAN ASSAULT
19 CITIZENS AT PLEASURE. I'M GOING TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS FORM OF
20 POLICE BRUTALITY WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED. IN EAST LOS
21 ANGELES AND THE ENTIRE NATION. THIS IS TYRANNY AT ITS BEST
22 BECAUSE IT'S PETTY. AND BACA'S BOYS SEEM TO TAKE SUCH PLEASURE
23 IN IT. NO MORE. HERE ARE MY PARTING WORDS FOR YOU AND ALL
24 PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THIS ROOM, ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
25 DEMOCRACY IS COMING TO THE U.S.A. HIC RHODUS, HIC SALTUS



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS EDWARD HERE? OKAY. REVEREND TILLMAN?
3 GO AHEAD MR. HERMAN.

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5 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS ARMANDO HERMAN. AND
6 WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ABILITY REQUIRED OF THE L.A.
7 COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS? TAXPAYERS
8 MUST APPROVE THE COURSE OF PLANNING FOR THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS
9 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN DISTRICT 1. SHOULD PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND
10 ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO APPROVAL? AT A
11 TIME WHEN THE MAYOR HAS MADE CRITICAL, INAPPROPRIATE DECISIONS
12 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AT A TIME OF A
13 RECESSION, THE MAYOR SHOULD BE MORE READY TO ACCEPT DIFFICULT
14 REALITIES. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES MUST SOLVE THE ERRORS CREATED AT LOCAL LEVEL BEFORE
16 DETERMINING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. ACCORDING TO
17 DATA, WE THE TAXPAYERS ARE DISPROPORTIONATE-- AGAIN
18 DISPROPORTIONATE, FUELED IN PART BY TERRIBLE MISMANAGEMENT AND
19 WASTE. IT'S NOT EFFECTIVE AND IT'S NOT EFFICIENT. IT'S NOT
20 RESPONSIVE AND IT'S SERVICING THE FEW WHEN PEOPLE SEE NO
21 IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AS TODAY. THE SENTIMENT
22 IS ONLY EXACERBATED BY THE FEARFUL RECESSION WHICH HAS DRIVE
23 THE DEMAND THAT SOMEWHERE SOME ONE STOP THE DESTRUCTIVE
24 SPIRAL. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ISSUE OF BEING UNABLE TO MAKE
25 THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR IMPORTANT AND ACCEPT DIFFICULT



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1 RESPONSIBILITIES AS LEADERS. MIXING UP WITH PASTINGS, MIXING
2 UP WITH LOBBYISTS AND MIXING UP WITH MONEY DONORS. WHAT WAS
3 THEIR VALUE? I'M SPEAKING IN PART AND PART OF WHAT I SAY
4 TODAY, WHAT ABOUT MR. MIKE DUVAL? WHAT ABOUT IN THE PAST,
5 FAYE DEL NUNEZ AND WHAT ABOUT TODAY WITH KAREN BASS? PUBLIC
6 FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR PUBLIC USE. AND WE MUST BE
7 ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO
8 USE TAX PAYING FUNDS. IN CONCLUSION, AND FURTHERMORE AND TO
9 ANOTHER POINT, PLEASE, MISS MOLINA, AND THOSE OF YOU IN THIS
10 ASSEMBLY TODAY, I ASK PLEASE ASK MY CITY COUNCILMAN IN C.D. 14
11 TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS, TO TAKE ACTION TO USE HIS SKILLS, HIS
12 KNOWLEDGE AND HIS MEASURE OF SKILLS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC WHEN
13 IT COMES TO COMMUNICATION IN OUR AREA. I DO NOT DELIGHT AND I
14 TAKE HIS CRITICISM OF HIS STAFF TO SAY THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE
15 AT CITY HALL THAT DISLIKE ME. AND ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS
16 ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND THOSE
17 WHO LIVE AND RESIDE IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. REVEREND TILLMAN, WELCOME
20 BACK.

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22 **REV. C.R. TILLMAN:** OH, WELL. WELCOME TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
23 OF COURSE THE OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND OF COURSE THE
24 NEWLY APPOINTED AND ELECTED SUPERVISOR MR. THOMAS. I'M HERE ON
25 A RARE OCCASION SOMETHING THAT CONCERNS ME PERSONALLY. AND I



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1 WAS GOING TO ASK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 35,
2 WHICH IS IN MY SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT, ANTONOVICH, WHICH IS THE
3 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REHABILITATION BOARD HEARINGS. AND I
4 KNOW THAT HAS ALREADY PASSED, BUT I'M TALKING ON PUBLIC
5 COMMENT BECAUSE I'M ASKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT
6 REOPENED OR TO HAVE THAT AT LEAST STAYED 10 DAYS OR TWO WEEKS
7 IN ORDER TO GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THE MINOR ISSUES
8 THAT ARE LEFT WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE BEEN
9 IN CONTACT AND WORKING WITH EACH OTHER TRYING TO RESOLVE THE
10 ISSUES. I DID FOR THE RECORD SUBMIT A TYPED AND HANDWRITTEN
11 ITEM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD THAT GOES OVER, A LITTLE BIT
12 OF THE SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR
13 AND I DIDN'T GET NOTICE OF THIS PARTICULAR HEARING, WE KIND OF
14 RUSHED AND PUT IT TOGETHER. BUT AT THE TIME OF THE CONTACT
15 INITIALLY, I WAS IN BANKRUPTCY AND PRESENTLY THE CO-OWNER IS
16 IN CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. BUT
17 BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE NOW VERY MINOR AND HAVE MOSTLY CENTER
18 AROUND WHAT IS DEFINED AS INOPERABLE VEHICLES, AND DOES AN
19 ANTIQUE VEHICLE THAT'S BEING RESTORED CAN BE CONSIDERED
20 VALUABLE AND NOT UNDER THE INOPERABLE STATUTE? AND THE OTHER
21 VEHICLES THAT ARE IN QUESTION ARE REGISTERED AND RUNS. SO
22 THEY'RE NOT REALLY UNDER THE INOPERABLE OR DISMANTLED VEHICLE.
23 AND I WASN'T ABLE TO PRESENT THIS EVIDENCE AT THE INITIAL
24 HEARING BECAUSE I WAS UNABLE TO BE THERE. I HAD AN INJURY AND
25 I SUBMITTED EXHIBIT A OF A MEDICAL DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS I WAS



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1 HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE I INJURED MY KNEE, MY LEG AND MY ANKLE
2 AND I HAD TO HAVE A BRACE ON IT. SO I WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND.
3 SO I NEVER HAD THE DUE PROCESS ISSUE. AND I CONTACTED THEM AND
4 ASKED THEM TO PUT IT OFF. BUT THEY SAID YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
5 APPEAL AND HAVE A DE NOVO HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. AND THEN
6 THEY COULD GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION, TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH IN
7 ORDER TO COMPLETE AND REFER BACK TO THE REHABILITATION BOARD.
8 SO I'M HERE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR ASSISTANCE TO
9 RESOLVE WHAT IS A MINOR PROBLEM. AND ALSO MAYBE FOR OTHER
10 RESIDENTS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF WHAT IS DEFINED AS
11 INOPERABLE VEHICLES? BECAUSE QUITE A FEW EX-COUNCILMEN AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DO HAVE AN ANTIQUE VEHICLE IN THEIR
13 POSSESSION. AND THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO BE THREATENED WITH
14 MOVING IT BECAUSE OF A STATUTE THAT'S NOT REALLY FLEXIBLE IN
15 TERMS OF WHAT IS THE DEFINITION. MAYBE THERE COULD BE SOME
16 GUIDANCE AND IF YOU COULD HELP ME I'D BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING
17 HOW YOU CAN HELP ON ITEM NO. 35.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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21 **REV. C. R. TILLMAN:** SHOULD I REFER IT TO MY SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH COULD PROBABLY
2 GET YOU THAT CLARIFICATION ON INOPERABLE VEHICLE. PAUL WILL
3 TALK TO YOU OVER THERE.

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5 **REV. C. R. TILLMAN:** AND WHAT ABOUT THE RECONSIDERATION OF
6 BEING ABLE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AS TO
7 THE ITEM NO. 35? PRETTY MUCH SO. WE JUST GOT THE VEHICLES--
8 PRETTY MUCH THAT'S CORRECT. BUT WE STILL HAVE THE ISSUE OF THE
9 VEHICLES. IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER DAY TO FINISH. AND
10 THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR MAYBE A WEEK OR TWO FROM
11 NOW. SAY IT AGAIN? [INAUDIBLE] WELL I THINK IF I HAD AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT AND PRESENT THE EVIDENCE.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PAUL WILL TALK TO YOU ON THIS. GOT TO BE A
15 GOOD NEIGHBOR.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
22 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,
23 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
24 ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT TO
25 THE POSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES INDEPENDENT



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1 REVIEW SERVICES OFFICER, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH
2 LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
3 AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH
4 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS
5 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Karawia

7 Industries, Inc., et al., v. County of Los Angeles, Debtors

8 Case No. 2:09-bk-19846-EC (09-1577)

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10 Action Taken: The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuit

11 titled Karawia Industries, Inc., et al., v. County of Los

12 Angeles. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed

13 upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes

14 final following approval by all parties.

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16 The vote of the Board was 4 to 1 with Supervisor Molina voting

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19 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3 or CS-5.

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21 In Open Session, item CS-4 was taken off calendar at the

22 request of the Chief Executive Officer.

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